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ANOTHER DEFICIT IS NOW RECORDED OF FOUR MILLIONS

Provincial Financing Which Expendes Twice as Much as Is Received—Cost of Government Keeps Increasing—Royal Commissions Still Expensive.

A deficit of four million dollars is recorded in the public accounts for 1914-15, which were brought down in the legislature yesterday afternoon. The net revenue from all sources amounted to \$7,974,496.46, two and one-half million dollars less than in the year preceding. The total expenditure was \$12,174,251.30, as compared with a total expenditure in the year 1913-14 of \$15,955,123.55.

The public works expenditure is more than cut in two, but there was over a quarter of a million dollars spent on the civil government of the province. It is to be remembered that the actual cost of civil government is by no means shown in the items that appears under that head. Buried under "miscellaneous," which continues to figure as one of the biggest single headings of expenditure after public works, diligent search will find hundreds of thousands of dollars paid in salaries to members of the inside or outside service.

Royal commissions accounted for \$52,405.51 of the public funds during the year, of which \$37,391.43 was the province's share of the cost of the Indian commission during the year. For the agricultural commission, which has already cost \$48,000 there was spent another \$5,051.62, so that the cost of this commission, whose chief recommendation is held up at the will of the government, has cost over \$53,000.

The figures of the expenditure on the new parliament block bring the total cost up to March 31 last to \$1,297,643.08, unless the minister of public works wishes to disown the official records. This contrasts sharply with the cost of the original structure, which, furniture and all, cost \$947,873.17.

Civil government salaries for the year, under that head, amounted to \$1,696,731.81, as compared with \$1,329,707.20 the year before. As stated, this is not the whole of it, but it would take days to dig all the figures out.

The administration of justice cost considerably less by nearly \$250,000, but when it is remembered that the former year was that in which the Naimo strike trials were heard and Mr. Bowser's "thousand fixed bayonets" were sent in as an answer to the miners it will be seen that there has been no saving in that department, and the figure of the difference can be taken as part of the cost of government insipidity.

It is a remarkable thing about the accounts this year, as they appear, that in no case except that of the public debt sinking fund has there been an over-expenditure on the amount of the parliamentary vote. In every other case there was spent either the sum voted or there was something left over. This is something new.

The expenditure by services for the year was as follows:

Public debt	299,129.49
Civil government salaries	1,696,731.81
Administration of justice (salaries)	62,382.50
Legislation	56,328.99
Public institutions	417,329.50
Hospitals and charities	815,568.71
Administration of justice (other than salaries)	404,082.58
Education	1,110,200.82
Transport	57,785.22
Revenue service	20,869.79
Public Works	1,572,893.99
Works and buildings	2,357,324.11
Roads, streets, bridges and wharves	2,357,324.11
Subsidies to steamboats, ferries and bridges	88,812.78
Miscellaneous	3,556,161.37
	\$12,174,251.30

The following item, not included in the above expenditure, has been paid out of the ordinary revenue of province: Nakusp & Stokan railway, in excess of earnings, \$1,411.74.

Total expenditure \$12,174,251.30
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CONTINUE ATTEMPT NORTH OF VERDUN

German Forces Attacked With Redoubled Violence Last Night, States Paris

REACHED DOUAUMONT AT TERRIBLE COST

Fighting Still Going on at That Village With Great Ferocity

Paris, March 3.—There were bombardments and attacks on the part of the German troops yesterday evening in the region north of Verdun, according to announcement made by the war office this afternoon. This fighting was conducted with redoubled violence.

Near Douaumont several fruitless assaults on the part of the German were repulsed with cruel losses for them. Nevertheless the Germans succeeded in reaching the village of Douaumont, where the fighting continues with ferocity.

The village of Vaux also was attacked by the Germans, but these advances were checked by the French fire and the Germans were compelled to retire, leaving a great number of dead.

The bombardment continued with great intensity yesterday evening and last night in the Woivre district, but the French forces held the Germans in check by their curtain of fire.

The artillery of the Germans has been active in the vicinity of Malancourt and near Haucourt.

German Claims.

Berlin, March 3.—German troops cleared the village of Douaumont and pushed their lines to the west and to the south of the village of the armored fort yesterday, according to the announcement issued to-day by army headquarters. The statement adds that more than 1,000 prisoners were taken and also that a number of heavy guns were captured.

It is added that German aircraft dropped bombs in the vicinity of the main Verdun fort, and that to the east of Douaumont, Lieut. Immetgen shot down a British biplane.

VOTE for BREWSTER TO-MORROW

SHERMAN THINKS WAR FACES UNITED STATES

Washington, March 3.—"We are approaching the issue of peace or war," declared Senator Sherman, Republican, who voted to-day against tabling the resolutions warning Americans off armed merchant ships. "Ultimately the way to one close. It will end in war or national abandonment and humiliation. There is no escape from the end of the way he is traveling. The action of this senate to-day may be parliamentary. It may be justified by the exigencies of the situation, but it smacks so strongly of cowardice, evasion and shirking of responsibilities that I am justified in applying to it these critical words."

For that reason, Senator Gore voted to table because he did not favor his own substitute and had introduced it merely to get an expression of the senate on the issue.

Immediately after the vote, Senator Reed, Democrat, read a statement saying he felt it was highly important that the impression in Germany that the country and congress was not behind the president should be removed and that, therefore, he was opposed to the Gore resolution.

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GIVE HIM YOUR VOTE TO-MORROW



H. C. BREWSTER
Leader of the Liberal party of British Columbia, and champion of the people of the province of all shades of opinion in their present fight for honest government and clean politics.

JOFFRE DIRECTING DEFENCE OF VERDUN

Instructed to Thank Troops; Poincare Visited Region; Spoke to Soldiers

TOLD THEM THEY HAVE NATION'S FULL SUPPORT

Paris, March 3.—A bulletin issued by the war office to-day said:

"The war minister has ordered Gen. Joffre to congratulate the soldiers on their heroism in defence of their country."

This is the first official announcement that Gen. Joffre is personally directing the defence of Verdun.

President Poincare returned to-day from a trip to the front. While there he told the soldiers of France that he had visited them especially to offer his heartfelt congratulations on their heroic defence, and to notify them that they had the nation's warmest support.

He visited Ravigny, where a Zeppelin recently was destroyed by French guns. While there he congratulated the gunners who brought down the Zeppelin, and pinned a medal on the breast of Sergeant-Major Grammeling. He also decorated several gunners with the War Cross.

From Ravigny the president proceeded to Verdun, and accompanied by Gen. Joffre, visited the corps operating on both banks of the Meuse north of Verdun.

GERMANS IN U. S. SENATE DENOUNCED BY BORAH

Washington, March 3.—Before the vote on the armed liner question was taken in the senate to-day, Senator Borah, Republican, declared that he was on armed merchantmen. He said the senate, "the highest legislative body in the world," had been "Germanized" as if "directed by the kaiser from his throne."

A BARRIER AGAINST GOODS FROM GERMANY

London, Mar. 3.—It is authoritatively stated that one result of the conference of representatives of the entente governments shortly to take place in Paris will be a decision to erect a common tariff barrier in all the allied countries against German traders and commodities.

POLLING PLACES.

Ward One—560 Yates street, next Majestic theatre.
Ward Two—B. C. Pottery warehouse, corner of Broad street and Pandora avenue.
Ward Three—Maynard's auction rooms, View street, just east of Douglas street.
Ward Four—719 Courtney street, opposite the Alexandra club.
Ward Five—Northwest Garage, corner of Broughton and Wharf streets.
Polling, 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

SIR C. H. TUPPER SENDS A MESSAGE TO CONSERVATIVES

Duty of the Hour of Every Loyal Citizen is Set Forth in Plain Terms by Distinguished Member of That Party; Reasons Are Given Why Bowser Government Should Be Smashed

"I ask Conservatives to drive from power this government which has disgraced the province, and which has been the servile tool of adventurers."

"I ask Conservatives to defeat every minister of Mr. Bowser who shows his head."

"The relative state of party representation in the legislature in this province is nothing short of disgraceful."

"An opposition—His Majesty's loyal opposition—is essential where British parliamentary government prevails."

"There are mile-posts on the trail of this corrupt combination. An opposition, had it existed on the floor of the house, would long ago have exposed their iniquities."

"What about Sir Richard McBride and the Judas Iscariot who sold him?"

"Who is this little kaiser who attempts to read out of the party Conservatives who dare to have opinions of their own?"

"The attorney-general was solicitor for a rascally trust company which has brought ruin and destruction to many a home."

"An indecent attempt is being made to save the sinking ship of Bowser & Co. by bribing you with your own money."

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C.M.G., one of the most distinguished members of the Conservative party in Canada, who is an ardent advocate of a change of government in this province and considers that it is the duty of every citizen to vote against the Bowser administration, had planned to come over to the capital to speak in support of Mr. Brewster.

He finds that important legal engagements for the mid-week could not be postponed and thus, greatly to his regret, he was unable to come here to address his fellow-Conservatives along the same lines as in Vancouver. So strong is his desire that his voice should be heard by them that he has asked the Times to publish the following appeal to Conservatives of Victoria, in which he plainly sets out their duty, as the extracts given above will have shown. Sir Hibbert writes:

Opposition is Essential.
"Circumstances absolutely prevent my having the honor of addressing my Conservative friends in Victoria face to face on the important issues involved in this by-election."

"I cannot, however, resist the temptation to send a message, since in my opinion the success of Mr. Brewster in this election means so much for British Columbia and for British institutions."

"The ordinary student knows that an opposition—His Majesty's loyal opposition—is essential where British parliamentary government prevails."

"It is not possible to conceive a condition such as confronts us in the matter of parliament, viz., a Conservative (so-called) government with one Liberal in opposition. No Conservative statesman ever desired such a state of things, even where a checking chamber or upper house existed."

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OVERSEAS DOMINIONS SHOULD HAVE VOICE

London, March 3.—Sir Thomas Mackenzie, addressing the Associated Chambers of Commerce to-day, said that the time had now arrived for the overseas dominions to have a voice in the affairs of the empire. If Canada, New Zealand, Australia and India were prepared to take a share in the responsibilities they should be heard at the deliberations of the empire.

Cruisers in Pursuit.

Boulogne, March 3.—Allied cruisers to-day went in hot pursuit of a vessel, believed to be a German raider, which steamed westward through the English Channel at top speed and refused to stop when signalled.

French Ship Sunk.

Bordeaux, March 3.—The French steamship Lakme, of 3,117 tons gross, has been torpedoed southwest of Dyeu Island, according to advices received here to-day. Six members of the crew are missing.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE ELECTORS.
It is estimated that the Voters' List for the city is so padded that 40 per cent of the names on it are those of persons who have died or left the district. You will see what an opening this gives for personators. The scrutineers on Mr. Brewster's behalf propose to swear every person who applies for a vote in the name of any man who is reported to be an absentee. Perhaps a good many bona fide voters who have changed their addresses will be sworn, but remember that by taking this course the scrutineers may stop a personator from polling your vote before you get to the polls.

In most cases the information as to absentees will be certain enough to cause the immediate arrest of the personator. Justices of the Peace will attend at the polling divisions to-morrow and these Justices will have forms of information and warrants of arrest so that prompt action may be had in case of necessity. The Association asks your co-operation in defeating the efforts of the personator.

REWARD
The Victoria Liberal Association will pay One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to any person giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person guilty of personation at the coming by-election.
(Signed) A. B. FRASER,
President Victoria Liberal Association.

MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS OFF CAPE HENRY

A Captain Thinks German Prize Trying to Reach Newport News

New York, March 3.—A report that a prize taken by a German commerce-raider was lurking off Cape Henry, Va., awaiting a favorable chance to make a dash past the British cruisers for Newport News of Norfolk, was brought here to-day by Captain Munkewitz, of the Hull Insular liner Grayson, arriving from Porto Rico.

Captain Munkewitz said that early yesterday mysterious lights had been seen from his ship, apparently moving westward. Heavy weather and clouds prevailed off the Virginia coast, but he was satisfied the vessel whose lights he had seen was trying to keep its movements secret. He felt sure the lights did not belong to British cruisers, as these patrol ships make no secret of their movements.

AVIATORS BOMBARDED TOWNS NEAR SMYRNA

Paris, March 3.—Travelling more than 350 miles, allied aeroplanes bombarded Bourbora and Bordenio, towns in the vicinity of Smyrna, according to official announcement here to-day.

WILSON'S VICTORY WAS OVERWHELMING

Agitation in Senate to Warn Americans Off Armed Ships Crushed

Washington, March 3.—By a vote of 68 to 14, a greater majority than they expected, the administration forces in the senate to-day tabled Senator Gore's resolution to warn Americans off armed ships of the European belligerents and thereby finally quelled in the senate an agitation which has embarrassed President Wilson in the submarine negotiations with Germany.

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Grand Liberal Rally TO-NIGHT Old Victoria Theatre

SPEAKERS: H. C. Brewster, leader; M. A. Macdonald, M.P.P.; William Sloan, Nanaimo; Dr. King, Cranbrook; Ralph Smith, Vancouver; J. W. deB. Farris, and others.

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Huts Are Increasing Steadily;
Daily Turnover at One
is \$2,000

Boulogne, March 3.—The inverted triangle symbol of the Young Men's Christian Association is one of the most familiar signs in Northern France.

The association is everywhere in the war zone. Its workers speed about in small cars and its wagons carry stores from one town to another. Its huts increase every month, and in some places its work is now being extended by small depots in remote villages placed under the charge of British non-commissioned officers, and opened for a few hours each day.

The regular "huts" of the association are great, roomy, one-story buildings that hold from 400 to 500 men, with kitchens and living rooms for the workers. The principal business carried on therein is a sort of simplified army canteen selling at cost price those articles which are in universal demand, such as trouser buttons, cigarettes, cakes and tea.

At one hut a few miles from Boulogne the daily turnover from this class of trade is \$2,000, mostly in amounts of two to four cents.

There also are books and papers, tables for writing letters, billiards, and various kinds of instruction. Men often gather in large numbers to hear a lecture on the history and architecture of the town; French classes and Bible classes jostle with moving picture shows and concerts.

What this province is suffering from is government by an autocracy. Mr. Brewster and his colleagues will see that the public interest is safeguarded in the legislature. If the electors value representative institutions they will support the opposition candidate to-morrow.

TRENCHES RETAKEN BY BRITISH TROOPS

Enemy Driven From Positions
at Bluff of Ypres-Com-
munes Canal

London, March 3.—The following official statement was issued last night: "We recaptured the trenches at the bluff of the Ypres-Commines canal which had been lost on February 14, and also captured a small salient in the original German lines."

A counter-attack launched by the enemy some time later was repulsed. German mine galleries in the captured trenches were destroyed. We have taken 180 prisoners, including four officers.

"There has been much artillery activity on both sides to-day from Ypres to the Scheldt."

The capture of 800 yards of British positions southeast of Ypres, after heavy artillery bombardments, was claimed in the German official statement on February 15.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 3.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

First Battalion—Killed in action: Lieut. Donald McIntosh, St. Thomas, Ont. Second Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. J. C. Fraser, Muskoka, Ont. Died of wounds: Pte. E. J. Christy, Toronto.

Wounded: Pte. R. W. Munroe, Regina, Sask. Accidentally wounded: Lieut. A. E. Vandenberg, England.

Fifth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Sam Gibbich, Rensselaer, N. Y. Died of wounds: Pte. J. W. Harrison, England.

Ninth Battalion—Died: Pte. R. A. McCay, St. Catharines, Ont. Tenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Alex. and Thomas, Fraserburg, Alta.

Twelfth Battalion—Died: Pte. F. S. Pitts, Paddockwood, Sask. Seriously ill: Pte. W. Fraser, England.

Thirteenth Battalion—Accidentally wounded: Pte. A. Veinotte, Mahone Bay, N. S.

Eighteenth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. J. B. Brodie, Stratford, Ont. Twentieth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. W. Pendleton, England.

Twenty-second Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. A. Bellefleur, Three Rivers, Que.; Pte. O. Pickers, Montreal. Slightly wounded: Pte. Z. Bourque, Montreal.

Wounded, but on duty: Pte. H. Frank, Montreal. Pte. P. E. Hanan, Halifax.

Wounded: Pte. C. A. Green, Paris, Ont.; Pte. E. Munro, Yarmouth, N. S.; Pte. John Fletcher, Halifax.

First Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. W. Baker, Montreal. Forty-sixth Battalion—Died: Pte. P. P. Jennings, England.

Forty-ninth Battalion—Slightly wounded: Pte. H. M. Stratton, Scotland. Princess Patricia's—Wounded: Pte. Harry Carey, Goderich, Ont.

Seriously ill: Pte. Harry Hanlon, Alton, N. B. Lord Strathcona's Horse—Found dead: Pte. J. S. Ash, England.

Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles—Suffering from shock: Sgt. F. W. Burpee, Summerville, Mass.

Seriously wounded: Pte. F. J. Oldfield, Niagara Falls. Divisional Engineers—Broken leg: Brigadier-General Charles Johnston, Armistone, C. M. G., Montreal.

Fifth Field Company, Second Canadian Divisional Engineers—Slightly wounded: Pte. H. Nelson, England.

First Pioneer Battalion—Found dead: Pte. J. M. North, 533 Queen's Avenue, Victoria, B. C.

Canadian Army Medical Corps—Wounded: Capt. C. E. C. Cole, Toronto.

NEARLY ALL UNITS IN DIST. NO. 10 LED BY CONSERVATIVES

Winnipeg, March 3.—The Free Press says: "It is becoming a matter of widespread comment that practically all the battalions in military district No. 10, extending from Port Arthur to the western boundaries of Saskatchewan, are commanded either by Conservative members of parliament, defeated Conservative candidates or prominent adherents of the Conservative party."

MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS.

Montreal, March 3.—The bank clearings here for the week ended yesterday were \$5,616,130. A year ago the clearings were \$4,981,533, and two years ago \$5,626,887.

WHERE TO VOTE

There has been a request for the publication of the polling places. These are as follows:

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Ward Five—Northwest Garage, corner of Wharf and Broughton streets, across from the marine and fisheries department.

ATTEMPT RENEWED IN VERDUN REGION

Attacks Near Douaumont Repulsed by French Troops;
Artillery Active

Paris, March 3.—The following official statement was issued last night: "In Belgium destructive fires have been directed by our artillery against the German organization to the east of Steenstraete."

"Between the Somme and the Oise, a German work was destroyed by our batteries in the region of Beuvraignes."

"In Champagne, a German aeroplane, shelled by our guns in the vicinity of Sulpes, fell in flames within the enemy lines."

"In the Argonne, we carried on a concentrated fire to the north of Harzeze and on the Cheppy wood."

"At the region to the north of Verdun and in the Woivre, the activity of the enemy artillery, which had abated somewhat during the preceding days, was increased considerably in the course of the day, along the salient front, and principally on Le Mort Homme, the Cote-de-Polvre and in the region of Douaumont."

"At the last named point the bombardment was followed by several attacks by infantry of extreme violence. This series of attacks was repulsed by our troops, whose fire decimated the enemy ranks."

"Our batteries replied energetically everywhere to the bombardment, and shelled the enemy's foci of communication."

"To the northeast of St. Mihiel our long range guns shelled the railway station of Vigneulle. According to our observers, two fires started, several trains were hit and a locomotive was blown up."

"In Upper Alsace there has been great activity on the part of both armies in the region of Seppois."

"Last night one of our bombing aeroplane squadrons dropped 41 shells of all calibres on the station at Chambley which appeared to have suffered serious damage. Notwithstanding a lively cannonade, our aeroplanes returned in safety to our lines."

"To-day our aeroplanes dropped 40 shells on the railway station at Bendorf and nine on the enemy establishments at Avricourt."

The following Belgian official communication was issued last evening: "Artillery duels have occurred chiefly on the northern part of the front. There was fighting with bombs in the direction of Steenstraete."

STILL PURSUING TURKS ON CAUCASUS FRONT

Russians Have Occupied Points North-east of Bitlis; Renewed Activity on East Front.

Petrograd, March 3.—The following official statement was issued last night: "On our western front, in the district of Lake Kalger, the Germans have bombarded with naval guns the villages of Lapogorsk and Bisanzen. Numerous German aeroplanes have been observed in the region, and there has been an aerial bombardment between Iloukist and Elbitz now on the Dvina river."

"In the vicinity of Dwinsk, the Germans bombarded our line near Iloukist and the Potash railway with shells weighing 150 pounds. German heavy artillery has shelled the Lake Swenton region."

"Our artillery has developed an effective fire against Novok Alexandrovsk and the Tournant station."

"In Galicia, on the middle Stupa front, the Germans twice attempted to approach our trenches, but on each occasion were repulsed by our fire."

"Canadian Front. In the direction of Erzerum (Turkish Armenia), to the south of Erzerum, the Turks continue their retreat. Here our cavalry found four guns abandoned by the Turks. In the direction of Bitlis, the enemy continues his retirement under the pressure of our troops. We have occupied Kamsak and the Neka Vank convent, seven miles northeast of Bitlis."

DR. F. S. REYNOLDS, OF NANAIMO, DEAD

Nanaimo, March 3.—The death occurred in this city yesterday afternoon of Dr. Frank Stuart Reynolds, who had been a resident of Nanaimo for ten years. He formerly was proprietor and editor of the Nanaimo Daily Herald, the Ladysmith Ledger, and the Vancouver Daily Ledger.

Decensed was a native of Wisconsin, and was aged sixty-three years.

He is survived by his widow and two children, Frank L. Reynolds and Ethel I. Reynolds, both of Nanaimo. The funeral will be held under the auspices of the Masonic order on Sunday.

JEAN SULLY MOUNET DEAD AT AGE OF 75

Paris, March 3.—Jean Sully Mounet, the celebrated French tragedian and dean of the Comedie Francaise, is dead at the age of 75.

Jean Sully Mounet was born at Bergerac, Dordogne, on February 27, 1841. He was educated at the Conservatoire and won the first prize for tragic acting in 1868. He made his debut at the Odeon in the same year.

He served with the French army in the war of 1870. In 1889 he was created a Knight of the Legion of Honor. The best known work which came from his pen is La Buvette de Larnes.

CARMEN SYLVA DIED AT BUCHAREST YESTERDAY

London, March 3.—A Bucharest dispatch received by Reuters by way of Amsterdam says that Queen Mother Elizabeth, of Roumania, (Carmen Sylva) died yesterday afternoon.

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GOVT. OF SASK. WILL APPOINT COMMISSION

Regina, March 3.—The Saskatchewan government will appoint a royal commission to investigate the Bradshaw charges of bribery in 1913, and the alleged bribery of 1915 as told by H. C. Pierce, member for Wadena, on Wednesday.

A commission was decided upon as the result of the report of a select committee which investigated J. E. Bradshaw's charges of bribery.

The committee agreed that Messrs. Sheppard, Foster, Nolin and Lochead, all members of the legislature, who were named in the charges, should be exonerated from the charge of bribery.

FATE OF GERMANS IN FT. DOUAUMONT SEALED

Paris, Mar. 3.—The remnants of the Brandenburg regiment are still imprisoned in the ruins of Fort Douaumont, northeast of Verdun, surrounded on all sides by the French. What is happening to these men no one on the outside knows. They can obtain neither food, water nor ammunition. The German troops on the outside have made desperate but fruitless attempts to free them. In one night the Germans attacked six times in the hope of joining the Brandenburgers. All six attempts failed.

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TASTED BLOOD; DUG THEIR WAY TO SAFETY

Three French Sappers Buried During Verdun Battle; a Thrilling Story

Paris, March 3.—The story of three French sappers who were buried alive for hours during the battle of Verdun and who finally dug their way out to safety, is told in detail by one of them who arrived in Paris on a hospital train this morning. He said:

"With my friends, Bernard and Jean, I was posted in a trench at the edge of the Vaux woods. The enemy showed a disposition to attack and, according to orders, the three of us, with a charge of powder, fuses and tools, started down a mine gallery to fill the mine chamber, to lay the wires and to pack the gallery behind it. We did this without difficulty and were on our way back when the explosion shook us. Had our mine gone off already? I heard stones falling," said one of my comrades. We rushed forward but the gallery was full of gravel. We realized the truth. We were walled up. An enemy shell had exploded above the gallery, causing the roof to fall in.

Restrained Companion: "We examined the walls in feverish haste. We are done for," said Jean. We were not afraid of death—it was all part of the game—but we did not like to die there in the darkness. How long can we stay here? Jean asked again. There is plenty of air and the gallery is roomy, but there is nothing to eat, I replied. Well, what's the good of a few hours more or less? he asked. Why wait? I for one have made up my mind. He took out his revolver, but I stopped him and said to him, "Do not be a fool. Let us wait a while. We may hit on some way out."

"The first horror having passed over, we began to discuss ways and means. Let us wait patiently for our mine to explode. If it makes a big enough hole we can dig through into it," I said. We sat down in silence and could hear all the sound of the battle above us, for the earth is a good conductor of sound. We tried to distinguish the character of the various vi-

The people of Vancouver showed that they were sick of the political machine. Is Victoria still willing to be governed by Harry Price and his crowd? Let us smash the machine just as thoroughly as it was smashed by the Conservative, Liberal, Socialist, Labor and Independent voters of Vancouver last Saturday.

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brations, so as not to miss the noise when our mine exploded. Finally we heard it and we rushed forward through a wave of hot air. Hope strengthened our arms and we pried our picks furiously, but our packing had been done so well that it took us two hours before we got into the empty mine-chamber. I listened, but the sound of firing seemed so far off that I judged there was a thick layer of earth between us and the outer world. Drops fell on us. We were going to be flooded? So much the better, said Jean. We shall die more quickly.

Tasted Blood. "Something trickled down on my lips and I recognized the taste. It was blood. I realized that if blood was coming through we could not be far from the surface. With renewed hope we set to work again, but rather clumsily, for we started a fall of earth which nearly buried us. We were all injured, Bernard's leg being broken, Jean's head cut and my left arm broken. Despite our pain we continued our efforts and after a while we came on a number of dead bodies of Germans which had rolled to the bottom of the crater which the mine explosion had made.

"After an hour of digging and crawling among these bodies, we got out into the air. Both my comrades were so exhausted that they fainted. I watched over them, being sheltered from shells and bullets by the steep side of the crater. After eight hours of waiting, ambulance attendants found us and by that time we had but little life left in us."

CHANGES MADE IN WHITE'S PROPOSALS

Retroactive Period of Business War Taxes Shortened; Mining Companies

Ottawa, March 3.—Changes made in the new war taxation were announced in the house of commons yesterday by Sir Thomas White. These changes have been considered necessary as the result of difficulties disclosed after discussions with representatives of business interests in Canada. The main principles of these taxes as originally proposed were:

"Twenty-five per cent. of the profits above 1 per cent. of incorporated companies; 25 per cent. of the profits above 10 per cent. of other firms, partnerships and individuals; that they should be retroactive to August 4, 1914; that they be extended over a three-year period, and that capitalization up to \$50,000 be exempted."

Retroactive Period. The changes are that the retroactive period begins January 1, 1915, which enlarges the payment dates to be separated into the years 1915, 1916 and 1917. To obviate the difficulty over reserves and watered stock, capital will be regarded as only the actual unimpaired reserves of a company, and watered stock will be dealt with by taking the cash value of stocks on January 1, 1915, and deducting from it the liabilities of the companies, thus arriving at the basis of taxation.

Holding companies will not pay on profits from other companies which pay under the act, and payments of war taxes to Great Britain and her allies will be deducted from any payment required by the Canadian government.

Power is given to the finance minister to fix the assessment of mining companies, as their profits come from the impairment of the assets of the companies.

The capital employed in the business of non-Canadian companies will be such portion of the amounts paid up on their entire capital stock as the value of their assets in Canada bears to the value of their total assets.

Maj.-Gen. Hughes. After Sir Thomas White had made his explanation, the estimates of the militia department were taken up, and Maj.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes made a long statement to the house covering the operations of the department. He gave a good deal of praise to Canadians of all classes and shades of politics for the part they had taken in connection with the war. He defended the record of the department in regard to purchases, more especially the operations with which Wesley Allison has been connected. The minister claimed that Mr. Allison, as a result of his efforts, had saved millions of dollars, and that so far he had not received anything for his services.

F. B. Carvell. F. B. Carvell, Liberal, Carleton, N. B., who followed, said that the minister had talked a lot of "hot air," and that he would know more about Mr. Allison before the end of the session. He was prepared to admit that there had been an improvement in respect to war business since last session. He hoped there would be a continued improvement.

There was a lot of discussion as to whether or not patronage exists in connection with the purchase of supplies.

ZEPPELIN DESTROYED, ACCORDING TO WORD REACHING AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam, Mar. 3.—A Zeppelin is reported to have been destroyed while engaged in a military enterprise, according to advices received here today.

The airship fell at Eghese, Belgium, damaging a number of houses and injuring 19 children.

A dirigible balloon is reported to have fallen at Malsauim, labelled as follows: "This dirigible was captured from the French."

"You look blue and discouraged, old man." "I'm not myself this morning." "Well, that's nothing to be so miserable about."

GERMAN SHIPS AT MARMAGAO SEIZED

Authorities in Goa, Little Portuguese Colony in India, Take Action

London, March 3.—The agent of Lloyds at Bombay reports that the Portuguese flag has been hoisted on all the German steamships lying at Marmagao, Goa, and that the Germans who were aboard have been interned at Panjim.

Panjim, or New Goa, is the capital of the Portuguese colony of Goa, on the west coast of India. The northern boundary of the little colony is about 230 miles south of Bombay. The colony has a coast line of 62 miles. It was reported recently that the Portuguese government, after requisitioning all the German and Austrian ships lying in Portuguese harbors, had given orders that all Teuton vessels in ports of the Portuguese colonies should likewise be taken over and put under Portuguese flag.

BULGARIA CAN NOT LAST MUCH LONGER

Agitation Against Ferdinand; Food Shortage Adding to Growing Fears

Rome, March 3.—Private telegrams from Bucharest and Athens state that the situation in Bulgaria is critical. There is an agitation against King Ferdinand and Premier Radoslavoff. The population is alarmed, the shortage of food and the impossibility of tilting the soil contributing to the growing fears. Demonstrations by crowds of women in several towns are reported. Troops sent to quell the disturbances refused to act and threatened their officers.

Bulgarian refugees who have reached Bucharest declare that Bulgaria is finding it impossible to continue the war. The Bulgarian army, they say, would be in a most critical situation if forced to meet a long offensive.

Leaflets announcing that Russia, France, Italy and Britain will take the offensive against Bulgaria next month and that Roumania and Greece will march with the entente forces with the object of dividing, crushing and enslaving Bulgaria, are being distributed among the people, apparently in an effort to unite them once more.

Remember that a vote for Flumerfelt is a vote of confidence in Harry Price with whose methods you are all familiar, as they were exposed fully before a commissioner appointed by Sir Robert Borden to investigate the coal supply scandal.

TWO KILLED; ONE DYING.

Albany, March 3.—Two persons were killed, one is dying and many were injured when the American Express crashed into New York Central train No. 36, eastbound, which had been sidetracked near the Livingstone avenue bridge here. Responsibility for the wreck has not been determined. One passenger car was telescoped and some of the passengers imprisoned.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

Winnipeg, March 3.—Bill Semenuil was found guilty this morning of the murder of John Wyszowski and will be sentenced this afternoon. The crime was the result of domestic intrigue and the crown's chief witness was the wife of the murdered man.

GIRL DENIES CHARGE.

Quebec, March 3.—Muriel Goudreau, of this city, 13 years old, a maid at Rene Faguy's home here, was arrested yesterday charged with attempting to poison the whole family by contaminating the coffee with tincture of iodine. She pleaded not guilty.

WHERE TO VOTE

There has been a request for the publication of the polling places. These are as follows:

Ward One—560 Yates street, the old Fruit exchange, on the north side of the street, facing the end of Langley street.

Ward Two—B. C. Pottery warehouse, corner of Broad street and Panjora avenue.

Ward Three—Maynard's auction rooms, in the old Institute hall, View street, between Douglas and Blanshard streets.

Ward Four—719 Courtney street, in the store formerly occupied by George Carter & Son, opposite the Alexandra club.

Ward Five—Northwest Garage, corner of Wharf and Broughton streets, across from the marine and fisheries department.

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GUNS POUNDING GERMAN TRENCHES ON YSER FRONT

London, Mar. 3.—Reports from Rotterdam are to the effect that the tremendous artillery fire on the Yser front and in the neighborhood of Ypres is becoming more intense. The guns have roared almost without cess-

ing for seven hours. Reports from the Belgian-Dutch frontier say that the German trenches are getting a terrible hammering.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, March 3.—The bank clearings here for the week ended yesterday were more than 50 per cent. higher than for the corresponding

week last year, and were higher than any other week this year, with the exception of the first week. Following are the figures: Week ended to-day, \$38,382,557; corresponding week last year, \$24,169,605; corresponding week of 1914, \$21,596,394.

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PEOPLE VERSUS MACHINE.

Let there be no mistake. The case that will be determined to-morrow will be The People versus The Machine; whether there shall be a stronger opposition in the legislature this session or not. It will be for the public to say whether it still approves of the system under which this province has been governed for years; whether it favors a top-heavy legislative assembly and a continuation of those administrative consequences which have struck at the vital interests of every citizen. It will say whether it approves of the substitution of government by order-in-council, for government by its elected representatives in legislature assembled. It will record its opinion of the pitiless Dominion Trust conspiracy, the Kit-silano Reserve deal and those other sordid transactions which are the natural offspring of a political doctrine that has aroused the righteous wrath of the people wherever it has flourished on this continent. To-morrow, also, the electors will say whether they endorse that discredited policy of largesse to Mackenzie & Mann and other subsidy hunters which has foisted upon the province the heaviest contingent liability borne by the people of any part of Canada, and whether they desire that Mr. Bowser shall have a mandate to despoil their substance and credit further this session. Already he has announced his capitulation with the people's resources to the Pacific Great Eastern, whose affairs at all costs should be searched and impartially scrutinized. Will the electors endorse the political methods of Harry Price, who is in supreme control of the campaign of Mr. Bowser's candidate? Do they want to know what becomes of the millions of their taxes?

The Machine is desperate. It is trying to chloroform the outraged sentiment of the people by the most sordid attempts at bribery ever made in a political campaign. This itself, not only betrays the measure of its desperation, but it illustrates as nothing else has illustrated the point of view of the typical Machine politician. Corrupt himself, he thinks everybody else is corrupt. Look at the front page of the Colonist at this time. What these manipulators do not realize is that the people of Victoria at last have discovered what the true source of sound prosperity and sane progress is; that an irresistible wave of angry public sentiment from ocean to ocean is sweeping machine politics to the debris heap. Bowerism in British Columbia will suffer the fate of Bowerism in Manitoba. The public is patient and long-suffering, but sooner or later it grasps the fundamentals of its own welfare. You cannot have progress that is worth while if you tolerate dishonesty and incompetence in the management of your business, and you cannot have honesty or competence if you permit your legislature to be merely an automatic recording apparatus.

Mr. Flummerfelt is ashamed of the record of his colleagues, yet he associated himself with them and thereby bestowed his approval upon their acts. He was familiar with the record. He knew of the government's connection with the Dominion Trust—the press has been full of this scandal for more than a year. He knew of the Kit-silano Reserve transaction—it is a matter of court record. He knew that our resources had been pinched to influential syndicates who had not paid principal, interest or taxes on them. He knew that our railway policy was bad—a few weeks ago he admitted that the province had undertaken too much. He knew about the machine, for the newspapers published many columns of the evidence taken in the Hill Inquiry. Why, then, did he become one of the crew? Why is he not alongside Sir Charles Tupper and many other

prominent Conservatives in their fight—not against the great party to which they belong—but against Bowerism? In all charity to Mr. Flummerfelt we can assure him that he will be judged politically by the company he keeps, and that if he had put patriotism before ambition and province before Bowerism, he would have received the gratitude of the public.

Mr. Brewster is the standard-bearer of the opposition in this fight. He is widely known and esteemed for his high personal qualities, his ability and his unimpeachable record. He is an experienced public man who has made the vital problems of the province a subject of tireless study. He makes no eleventh hour attempts to bribe the electors; he issues no silly challenges through the press and then runs away. His views and the remedies he proposes in respect of the numerous important questions of the day are well known. They are particularly well known to his opponents, who after rejecting them year after year when they were urged in the legislature and in the press, only now on their political deathbed have discovered merit in them, a conversion too sudden to be genuine. The very desperation with which the Machine is fighting to keep Mr. Brewster out of the legislature is a cogent reason why it is vitally necessary to the public interest that he should be there. His methods alone should ensure his election. The Machine fears Mr. Brewster, and it has good reason to fear him. Let Victoria stand in line to-morrow with Vancouver and smash the machine.

HOW THEY GROW!

We are now in a position to tabulate most of the Bowser election dodges. The exception will appear to-morrow morning, probably in the form of a message from the Hon. Lorne Campbell, who went to Ottawa for a particularly fetching campaign cry. To beat the "undertaking" in our contemporary's columns this morning, however, it will have to be a wonder. We regard that as a record breaker, putting in the shade even Sir Richard McBride and Sir William Mackenzie at their best. The promises to date include: Aid to agriculture, metal refineries, aid to workingmen and to fisheries, aid to shipbuilding, "immediate construction of terminals on the reserve, the C. N. P. extension to Patricia Bay, the magnificent ferry, etc., the Johnson street bridge, aid to seafarers (although that is purely an Ottawa matter), grain elevators, land settlement, public markets, promotion, good times, a job for everybody, clean politics (see Price), assistance to Mr. Macdonald in probing the government's record in the legislature, aid to the Pacific Great Eastern (Mackenzie & Mann in the background), and Independence of the Colonist if—We feel that we have missed something, for this sort of thing has been going on for five days, but our readers probably will remember those we have overlooked. It is, on the whole, the most remarkable collection of election dodges extant, and what is more serious, the most impudent attempt at wholesale bribery of the electorate in the history of the country.

A DANIEL COME TO JUDGMENT.

The public now knows that a certain space on the front page of our morning contemporary has been set apart for fresh election roorbacks. Harry Price's letter of renunciation appeared there; there appeared, also, the celebrated Flummerfelt challenge (now in oblivion) and those other absurd dodges too numerous to mention, but nothing so screamingly funny has confronted the readers of the Colonist or any other newspaper on the eve of an election as the announcement which occupied the post of dignity and distinction this morning.

The announcement, which is headed "The Colonist's Position" and is appropriately bordered, says that if the Bowser government does not carry out its promises the Colonist will not support it in the approaching general election. Kind reader, imagine, if you can, the Colonist adopting an independent stand; the Colonist, which has defended every act of the government for twelve years; which in return for enormous subsidies has given the administration a support which for utter subservience is without parallel in Canada; the Colonist which defended Mr. Bowser's association with the Dominion Trust, the Kit-silano Indian reserve deal and was a participant in a reserve deal of its own.

What about that "undertaking" of Sir Richard McBride on its front page, accompanied by the inevitable picture, on the eve of the election six years ago? Did the Colonist withdraw its support in subsequent elections because these pledges were not fulfilled? Did it demand that Sir Richard McBride implement his assurance that he would resign if his undertaking was not carried out? Nay, nay. It was doing too well across the Bay, thank you. It therefore doubled its stock of gold bricks, engravings of Sir Richard, Sir William and Sir Donald, and indulged in more promises than ever. Will it show us where it made one? Insistent demand that the

railway pledges be carried out? Only a few weeks ago it attacked us because we insisted that the Canadian Northern Pacific should stick to its agreement with the people of this province in regard to the Selkirk Water crossing. Where are the terminals on the reserve, the magnificent ferry between English Bluff and the Mainland? What about the moss-covered right-of-way of the extension to Alberni? The Colonist oppose Mr. Bowser, indeed? Why it never uttered a word of protest against the conspiracy which drove Sir Richard McBride, its most generous friend, from the cabinet and out of the country. Colonist, independent! What next?

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S LETTER.

Sir Charles Tupper, who writes us a letter to-day on the political situation, is one of the most distinguished supporters of the Conservative party in Canada. He sat in the administrations of Sir John Macdonald, Sir John Abbott, Sir John Thompson and Sir Mackenzie Bowell. He filled with credit important posts of Minister of Justice and Minister of Marine and Fisheries. He is as strong a Conservative to-day as ever he was, a stalwart follower of Sir Robert Borden. But he, like many other genuine Conservatives in this province, distinguishes between Conservatism in politics and Bowerism. The government in power is not Conservative according to Conservative principles, except in name. It is merely masquerading in Conservative colors and wearing a Conservative label. Sir Charles penetrated the disguise six years ago and every accusation he launched against the administration then has been proved by time.

About a week ago the Boston Transcript charged that Count von Bernstorff, the Hun ambassador at Washington, controlled the Congress of the United States. That charge no longer lies. The contest between the House and the administration has been settled by a complete triumph for President Wilson, who now has a free hand to do as he lists in the controversy with Germany in the matter of submarine piracy. There have been many reports of crises in the affairs of the republic and Germany, but there can be no doubt that at last a real crisis has developed. We shall see whether von Bernstorff, the apostle of incendiarism and murder, is determined to carry his "policies" to the breaking point. Here is what the Transcript said about a week ago: "There is great perplexity in the Reichstag at Washington, many members not knowing whether to join the Order of the White Feather or the Amalgamated Society of the Yellow Streak."

There is not a person in British Columbia who is not anxious to see the shipbuilding industry promoted, but there are few, indeed, who would tolerate the pledging of the country's credit to companies in liquidation. Whatever aid is given should be to bona fide organizations and under such conditions as will protect the interest of the public, whose money and credit will be drawn upon. This was not done in the railway guarantees. Yet the morning paper would have us believe that the government has virtually committed the people of this province to a fifty per cent. guarantee of the bonds of a company which is unable to pay more than fifty cents on the dollar to its creditors. It is not hard to evolve a scheme to add shipbuilding that will be of value to the community as a whole, a scheme in which bona fide shipbuilding firms will be the participants. In any event the question is too important to be degraded to the status of an election roorback.

We are informed that the Machine is trying to intimidate officials of the civil service to vote for the government candidate whether they desire to do so or not. No voter need fear to vote as his reason and conscience dictate to-morrow. The ballot is secret; more than that, the machine is going to be smashed and the Bowser administration will be busy enough trying to mend its ways for a general election without thinking of doing anything that would increase the hostility of the public. Civil servants will be quite safe in exercising their independent judgment to-morrow. Mr. Price has sharp eyes for the main chance, it is true, but not being an "Ray machine" his line of vision cannot penetrate a folded ballot or a ballot box.

Even if a fraction of the Bowser election promises were genuine the election of Mr. Brewster would not interfere with their fulfillment. On the contrary, the election of another opposition member to support Messrs. Macdonald, Williams and Place would compel the Premier to deal fairly with the people.

We regret the utter impossibility of publishing more than a few of the letters we have received from correspondents on the important political issues that will be settled one way or the other at the polls to-morrow. The communications that are published, we may say, were not selected arbitrarily in order of merit. Those arriving early were given the preference. The unusual

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number received indicates unmistakably the deep interest the public is taking in the election.

Mr. Bowser yesterday said he would give Mr. Macdonald every opportunity to investigate the manner in which the affairs of the province were administered. Why did he not give Parker Williams that opportunity? Hear John Oliver on this point:

"As a public man, I have laid charges of fraud against these ministers of the crown, and charged them with assisting and conniving at frauds in the acquisition of land. I hold in my hand a copy of the petition I have sent to his honor the lieutenant-governor, asking for a public inquiry into these charges under the Public Inquiries Act, and I never even had the courtesy of an acknowledgment of that petition."

Mr. Bowser stated in Vancouver that he had not seen Hamilton Read, formerly of his law firm, while the Kit-silano negotiations were in progress. The sworn evidence of Read, as reviewed by the Supreme Court of Canada, stated that he had come to Victoria and interviewed Mr. Bowser on the subject twice. "Strangely enough," although Cole, the man whom Read promised to share with, has obtained the judgment of the highest court in Canada for \$20,000, he has been unable to collect the money. Apparently it has all disappeared. Mr. Read must be a very extravagant man.

About six million acres of crown land have been alienated during the last few years, most of it to speculators. The enormous sum of \$15,000,000 is owed the province on account of these sales in principal, interest and taxes. Most of this land, although unpaid for, is sequestered against settlement. This is letting the speculator "have his chance." Is it any wonder that the cost of living in British Columbia is so high? Is there not a direct economic connection between the two conditions?

The post of distinction this morning was occupied by the announcement of the "Colonist's Position." After all, who cares a farthing what the Colonist's position is? The electors have a much more important matter to concern themselves with just now—their own vital interests that have been trifled with for years.

As readers of the daily papers will observe to-day the public accounts report for the year ending March 31, 1915, shows that the expenditure was \$12,114,251 and the revenue \$7,974,496, a deficit of \$4,139,755. This has become an old, old story in our province.

Liberals, Conservatives, Socialists and Independents, lend a hand to-morrow and teach the machine a lesson. It has had its own way in this province for twelve years.

CANADIANS GET VERY SUSPICIOUS.

The burning down of the parliament buildings at Ottawa, and of munition works at Hespler is ascribed to German conspiracy, and there is talk of other attempts to injure Canadian property. Some of these reports are more probable than others, but the general effect is to create an atmosphere of suspicion. Without analyzing the evidence in each case, it may be said that there is nothing inherently improbable in the idea of a German attack upon Canada. We are at war. We are sending increasing numbers of men to the war. We are manufacturing munitions in increasing quantities.

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ties. We are throwing into the war a steadily growing weight of financial strength. We must, therefore, expect that German fury and German cunning will be used against us.

But what will be the effect? The attack has just enough of the character of an invasion to arouse anger, and not enough to arouse fear. It helps us to realize that we are at war, and it is just that realization that was lacking. The destruction of the parliament buildings helps us to realize Louvain. From the greater horrors of invasion, the murder of thousands of civilians, the outraging of women, the torturing of children, we are free. But we have just had a taste and a promise of what we may expect from an open German invasion in force, as distinguished from the secret plotting of a few.

These plots will make Canadians more vigilant, and more vindictive. It is not

pleasant to contemplate the hardening of the character of an easy-going, good-natured, unsuspicious people, but we fear that the change is inevitable. The Germans will have it so, and Germans must suffer the consequences; even the innocent will to some extent suffer along with the guilty.

It would have been easy for Germans in Canada and the United States to separate themselves from the folly and the crime of the Kaiser and his evil advisers. They are under no legal obligation to serve any master in Germany, and their true interests lie in co-operation and sympathy with their fellow-citizens in Canada and in the United States. But we are afraid that many of them have not cast off the spell of German imperialism, and are ready to do criminal work for their masters in Germany.

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NOVELTY AT COLUMBIA.

In addition to the regular vaudeville and picture programme which is well above the average the management of the Columbia have provided a special attraction at 7.30 and 9 o'clock tonight in the form of a fish pond, the holders of the lucky numbers having to fish for their prizes of which forty have been provided.

A number of surprises have been prepared and a lot of real fun is assured. The Cox family are the headliners on the vaudeville bill and prove themselves most versatile entertainers, while "Charlie Chaplin in the two-reel comedy, 'Work' is responsible for many laughs during the picture programme.

DOMINION THEATRE.

A father, unknowingly persecuting his own son, is taken as the theme of the Jesse L. Lasky production, "The Unknown," which is the attraction at the Dominion, with Lou Tellegen, the celebrated romantic actor in the stellar role.

The story of "The Unknown" has to do with members of the famous foreign legion—that great military sanctuary of Algeria. A young Englishman, whose father had disappeared years before, join its ranks, and is assigned to the company commanded by "Devil" Destinn. The handsome private rescues an American girl from an Arabian dance hall, and later saves her from the unwelcome attentions of his captain. For this, Destinn persecutes him, until finally, he is ordered to be shot as a mutineer, even though he saved the captain's life in a fight with some Arabs on the desert. How he is rescued by the American girl, disguised as an Arab boy, and is found by the captain, who recognizes in him his own son, and is permitted to seek happiness with the girl, are but a few of the unusual instances in this gripping drama.

In the cast supporting Mr. Tellegen, is the noted actor, Theodore Roberts, also Dorothy Davenport, Horace B. Carpenter, Hal Clements, Tom Forman, Raymond Hatten and other members of the Jesse L. Lasky all star stock company.

PANTAGES.

There are six excellent vaudeville dishes on the bill of fare at Pantages this week, and many people who already have been through the menu once are so delighted with it that they must needs enjoy it a second time.

Opening with a mock circus performance in which the Cavana Duo perform such daring feats that the audience verily holds its breath, the bill closes with a lightning, bright, funny musical comedy, "The Bachelor's Sweetheart," in which a pair of clever comedians vie with a number of pretty girls in pleasing the audience. Sandwiched in between the first act and the last are four others in which novelty is the keynote and variety the motif.

They include Athena, the famous Oriental dancer, in a number of new presentations, chief among which is the Egyptian chair dance, a number which needs great muscular strength to accomplish gracefully. There are also the piano girls, headed by Will J. Ward, and in this turn the audience has the unique opportunity of hearing five pianos played at the same time by very skilled musicians. Then there are the comedians, Burns and Kissen, in some good character work, and Madie de Long, the pretty English comedienne, in some novel and amusing impersonations.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

A. F. Smith, Ganges, is at the James Bay hotel.

J. J. Clark, of Hilliers Crossing, is at the Dominion.

E. J. Galvin, of Vancouver, is at the Strathcona hotel.

A. E. Kelly, of New York, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

J. L. Palmer, of Vernon, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Thos. Abriel, of Nakusp, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

L. Eagle, of Detroit, Mich., is staying at the Empress hotel.

Fred. C. Smith, of Saanichton, is stopping at the Dominion.

Mrs. Oldham, of Cobble Hill, is staying at the James Bay hotel.

J. Place, M. P. P. of Nanaimo, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. J. Hutchison, of Cowichan, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Geo. J. Bowman, of Arden, Manitoba, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Leopold Rosen, of Seattle, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

Mrs. C. D. Strong, of Vancouver, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

K. R. Streetfield, Saanich, registered at the James Bay hotel yesterday.

R. J. Bidwell is registered from Chilcotin, B. C., at the Strathcona hotel.

J. D. Halley, of Salt Spring Island, is registered at the James Bay hotel.

M. R. Moore, of Philadelphia, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

C. D. Blackwood, of Nelson, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

E. S. Ward and Mrs. Ward, of New

York, are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

E. G. Farnell and F. F. Quinn, of Vancouver, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

James Rooke, of Grand Forks, was among the new arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. A. S. Toile and Miss G. Turner, of Los Angeles, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Mr. Mrs. and Miss Downes are guests at the James Bay hotel from Armstrong, B. C.

Malcolm R. J. Reid, chief immigration representative of Vancouver, was in the city yesterday.

J. S. McIntosh, of Dawson, is visiting Victoria and is making the Dominion hotel his headquarters.

Among those on the floor of the legislative chamber yesterday at the opening of the House were Rt. Rev. Alexander MacDonald, bishop of Victoria; Rt. Rev. A. Scriven, bishop of Columbia; Mrs. Scriven, Mrs. Bowser and Miss Bowser, Miss Ross, Lieut. Ross, Mrs. R. F. Green and Miss Green, Mrs. Eberts and Miss Eberts, Very Rev. the Dean of Columbia and Mrs. Schofield, Rev. Dr. C. T. and Mrs. Scott, Rev. Dr. W. L. Clay and Mrs. Clay; Mrs. J. W. Troup, Judge Lampman, Lieut. Commander Jones and Mrs. Jones, the Hon. T. W. Paterson, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Mamie Fraser, Miss Terry, J. W. Roper, Mrs. Cleaver Cox, Rev. C. R. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Worlock, Mrs. Loveland, Mrs. Stewart Williams, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Ager, Dr. Anna Cleland, R. H. Roshier and Miss F. Roshier, Rev. A. de B. Owen and Mrs. Owen, Mrs. S. F. Toimie and Miss Toimie, Mrs. Ager, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scott, Mrs. A. C. Burdick, Mrs. Bury, Mrs. and Miss Leeder, Miss Kenney, Mrs. J. R. Gibson, Mrs. Conyers Bridge, Mrs. J. H. H. Pooley, Mrs. D. C. Reid and Miss Reid, Mrs. Jenkins, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet and Miss Sweet, Rev. E. A. P. Chadwick and Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. Bapty, Mrs. Hibben, Mrs. Tonkin and Miss Majorie Tonkin, Mrs. Roof, Mrs. David Miller, Miss Haggerty, Mrs. Gore Langton and many others.

Let us show that we are inspired by the same sentiment which was expressed in Vancouver by a record majority which included, probably as many Conservatives as Liberals. But to do so it is imperative that every elector should cast his vote to-morrow. Remember, there is an unscrupulous, powerful machine to beat.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 2-5 a. m.—The storm area mentioned yesterday is now centred north of Vancouver Island and southerly gales continue on the Coast, Straits and Sound. Sleet and snow have occurred both here and on the Lower Mainland and rain has been general southward to Oregon. Cold weather prevails in Northern B. C. and snow temperatures are general in the prairie provinces.

Forecast: For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly southerly and westerly, unsettled, with occasional snow or sleet. Lower Mainland—Strong winds or gales, mostly southerly, unsettled, with snow or sleet.

Reports: Victoria—Barometer, 29.61; temperature, maximum yesterday, 39; minimum, 31; wind, 10 miles S. E.; rain, 1.1; weather, clearing. Vancouver—Barometer, 29.58; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 24; wind, 8 miles S. E.; rain, 1.4; weather, clearing. Entrance—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 24; wind, 12 miles S. E.; snow, 1.1; weather, snowing. Knaploope—Barometer, 29.52; temperature, maximum yesterday, 37; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles E.; snow, .04; weather, clear. Buckerville—Barometer, 29.50; temperature, maximum yesterday, 12; minimum, 8; wind, calm; snow, 10; weather, snow. Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.40; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 22; wind, 20 miles E. Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.54; temperature,

maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 40; wind, 40 miles S.; rain, 1.08; weather, fair. Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 28; wind, 6 miles S.; rain, 1.74; weather, rain. Seattle—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 36; wind, 16 miles S.; rain, .54; weather, rain. San Francisco—Barometer, 29.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 57; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, fair. Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Cranbrook	18	..
Penticton	35	..
Nelson	26	..
Calgary	4	..
Edmonton	4	..
Qu'Appelle	2	..
Winnipeg	6	..
Toronto	26	..
Ottawa	16	..
Montreal	14	..
St. John	18	..
Halifax	22	..

Victoria Daily Weather. Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday:

	Temperature.
Highest	39
Lowest	24
Average	36
Minimum on grass	30
Balls, .01 inch.	
Bright sunshine, 18 minutes.	
General state of weather, cloudy.	

A country woman visiting a distant market town sent home some hens to her husband. A day or two later the following telegram arrived from her husband: "Don't send any more hens. Those you sent escaped, and although I scoured the neighborhood I only found eleven." By return came the wire: "Keep quiet. I only sent six."

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Violet Glycerine Soap, reg. 35c, for box 25c	Peroxide, 4 oz. size 20c
Scented Toilet Soaps, special box 25c	Face Cloth San-Knit-ary, to clear 5c
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DIGBY BELL IN "FATHER AND THE BOYS," AT VARIETY TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

CONDEMNNS GROVELLING APPEALS FOR SUPPORT

Parker Williams Scores Government for Reckless Promises on Eve of Election

"The city of Victoria should show on Saturday a standard sufficiently high that in the future no man will dare to attempt to buy you with baits of this kind," said Parker Williams, M. P. P., at a meeting in the Romano theatre last evening, after scoring the Conservatives for the reckless pledges made during the last few days in order to catch votes.

"When a man makes a will under mental strain, that will does not stand," he said amid laughter, "and Mr. Bowser is now under that mental strain, and will promise anything. These grovelling bids for the public support show the playmen and pitiful depths to which the Conservative party is reduced in Victoria." (Cheers.)

Mr. Williams' cause was considerably enhanced by demonstrating that 30 ships had been promised from the Conservative platform during the last few days. Assuming that the electors of Victoria endorsed the project, would they willingly supply the money for a farm colony scheme in an agricultural district, or a mining company subsidy in a mining district? The principle was identical and the precedent now set by the Conservative government could be equally applied to any set of circumstances throughout the province. In this connection the speaker roundly condemned the management of some concerns now supported by the government.

The Canadian Puget Sound Lumber company had been wrecked by some of the promoters "teaching themselves to it" as a result of which the earnings were absorbed by expensive officials, yet the government asked them to aid the reorganization.

At last from Conservative platforms the admission was being made that the province required an opposition in the house. If the premier was sincere why did he not say, "Let our ministers be returned and we will open three seats elsewhere for the opposition." No one would have suffered from dropping "some of the truck which was neither useful nor ornamental" in the house, but no, Mr. Bowser thought he could bludgeon the electors through Mr. Williams' enunciation of his views, which were reported last week on the recent necessity of an opposition, and said that the two opponents of the government had tried to do their best in the face of deliberate arrangement of the public business by the government to prevent its proper consideration in the legislature.

In the ghostly hours of early morning, the government, which worked in two shifts, got through some of the most prejudicial private legislation which had been fostered on the people.

In connection with private legislation, he would like to say a few words about Mr. Flumerfelt's supporters on the platform. For a man who was known by the company he kept. Immediately Mr. Flumerfelt became vulnerable to attack in connection with the public corporations with which he was associated, he began to whine because he was criticized.

"He objects to the spotlight being turned upon him," added Mr. Williams. How was it that the company with which Mr. Flumerfelt was, until recently, connected, the Granby Consolidated, had property at Ansox assessed at a much lower figure than the McKinnon lands adjoining? On the company property there were about 3,000 to 3,500 people, whereas on the highly assessed land adjacent there were only twelve people.

Witnesses testified at some length the records of the men supporting Mr. Flumerfelt, H. B. Thomson, he said, might be described as the member for John Hopp, a gentleman well known throughout the Cariboo. Mr. Thomson had rendered Mr. Hopp meritorious service. Mr. Mackay, another supporter of the finance minister, had lands around Barkerville and in the Peace river, he said, which he had bought up as large a state as Montenegro, and fees were coming due on them. How was he going to profit unless the land was settled? So they had Mr. Lucas come to the rescue with his blessing of the Agricultural Credits bill, which appeared to promise the settlement of those lands. Then they had Mr. Blake-

more, who declared the speaker was seeking another seat. He would tell Mr. Blake more that he would sooner be beaten in Newcastle than elected elsewhere, because the people of that riding had refused to be cajoled when the province was swept off its feet. He had told them a government member might get \$30,000 more for the riding, but they had stuck to him so far. Mr. Blake more was a man who would like to be good if it would only pay. "He is a man who aims high, but is an abominable marksmen," he said. Then there was Mr. Harold Robertson, a lawyer whose business in life appeared to be as a promoter of private bills. Any wild cat proposition which had been floated of recent years was almost sure to have Mr. Robertson's professional assistance. Another speaker had been Robert Cassidy, K. C., of whose arguments on behalf of Oriental immigration before the commission he read extracts.

Having related the story of how the present premier had secured the coveted attorney-generalship by getting his predecessor to run in a constituency where he was certain to be beaten, Mr. Williams examined the duties of a member of the legislature, and particularly a member of the public accounts committee. The past four years had been a continuous record of determined action to stifle discussion, or examination of the accounts.

At the outset of his speech, which was punctuated by applause, Mr. Williams dealt with the other Socialist meeting at the old Victoria theatre, and stated that Connor belonged to a type of Socialist who would do anything. Nothing. Nor was his appearance in Victoria welcomed by that branch of the Socialist organization to which he claimed allegiance.

HOW MACHINE WORKS WITH HARRY PRICE

What Was Done in the Dominion Election of 1911 Being Attempted Again

On the eve of the by-election polling it is well to recall to the public memory the correspondence which passed between the managers of the Conservative machine in this city and in Vancouver—Harry Price and Victor H. Love.

The correspondence shows how voters were paid ten dollars for their vote, and others were furnished with tickets between here and Vancouver. It incidentally reveals that the local machine was not able to play fair with his colleague in Vancouver, but tried to tilt him with more than he was entitled to.

The correspondence, which is given below, needs no comment:

Victoria Conservative Club,
Victoria, Oct. 6th, 1911.
Re Dominion Election, Sept. 11, 1911.
Victor H. Love,
Secretary Vancouver Conservative Association,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 4th, and, like yourself, regret very much that any misunderstanding should have taken place in reference to Vancouver voters in Victoria. In reference to the amount we furnished:

58 men tickets at \$3.50
20 men tickets at \$2.70
22 berth money.....1.00
The above amounts to \$34.50.

WE HAVE ALSO ADVANCED TO YOUR MEN THE AMOUNT WE ADVISED THEM THEY WOULD RECEIVE. SAME BILLING, VIZ.: \$10.00 each, this being \$70.00, and some fifteen men are persistently around the headquarters here demanding same amount.

In squaring up we would like to get a LIST OF THE MEN PAID BY YOURSELF, so that in settling up we shall not be called upon to pay over the amount thought necessary. A number have mentioned that they were going to write you, demanding their expenses, and if this has been done kindly advise me.

It had been most unpleasant for us, a number of these men calling at my residence every evening when they could not locate me at the office.

However, I trust that we will be able to settle everything satisfactory and keep the members of the party in good humor.

With kind regards, I am,
Yours respectfully,
W. H. PRICE,
Vancouver Conservative Club,
570 Granville Street, Vancouver,
Jan. 31, 1912.

W. H. Price,
Honorary Secretary Victoria Conservative Association,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Price,—I enclose herewith my cheque for \$304.50, being amount of your claim against us for transportation of passengers.

I attach hereto your statement and payment is made according to same. If you examine your statement you will find that where you have \$224.50 you added it \$340.00. By adding \$50.00 you get the amount covered by the cheque.

I regret that this matter has been allowed to stand over so long, but have reason to hope that this settlement will be satisfactory to you and your association, and that the good feelings that have always existed between the two organizations will continue.

Yours truly,
VICTOR H. LOVE,
Assistant Secretary.
Kindly return receipt and oblige.
V. H. L.

SIR C. H. TUPPER. SENDS A MESSAGE TO CONSERVATIVES

(Continued from page 1.)

If my leader, Sir Robert Borden, in whom I have implicit confidence, had but one Liberal to watch him and a constituency were opened, I would, in his best interest, and above that, in the interest of the country, do all I could to secure the return of his opponent.

I say, with my old leader, Sir John A. Macdonald, "given a strong government and a full treasury and a weak opposition, and you would debauch a committee of archangels." Mr. Bowser proposes a committee of his own supporters to ferret out his iniquities.

Disgraceful Condition.
The relative state of party representation in the legislature in this province is nothing short of disgraceful, and in my opinion has been brought about by the machinations and money of railway adventurers who have successfully manipulated both Conservatives and Liberals from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

In vain I raised my voice in my adopted province in 1909. Mr. Bowser then attempted to read me out of the Conservative party for my daring to have an opinion of my own.

Never except in this province were free born Britons asked to vote for a caucus as against a free and independent parliament.

"Caucus" means "vote as you are told." If Mr. Tupper can be believed, The Caucus Rules.

"Legislation will be introduced" with respect to guarantees for the building of ships is the impudent bludge offered at the last moment to the electors of Victoria, but what about the rate of legislation so introduced?

Mr. Bowser's late colleague told us these propositions go to "caucus" (that is our legislature in secret session) and as the majority say, "so say we all of us."

Who knows the secret history of the last "caucus"?

What about Sir Richard McBride and the Judas Iscariot who sold him then and there?

There were grand old days in Victoria when Conservatives were all for the state. I believe these days have come again.

In 1902 they cheered me to the echo when speaking against the Laurier government as I told them: "It is your duty to fight this government or your government that does not do you justice."

Even in 1909, when I opposed this combination owned by and bones by Mackenzie & Mann, Sir Richard McBride told his fellow-countrymen their duty was above party consideration. These are his words: "Let the interests of the whole province take the place of party advantage and party prejudices."

Who is this Kaiser who attempts to lead out of the party Conservatives who dare to have opinions of their own?

Who is this preacher of loyalty to party?

Bowser's "Grit" Collar.

When the Conservative party was fighting for its life in the grandest cause it ever upheld—justice to all creeds—Mr. Bowser, defeated at a Conservative convention, ran against its nominee and succeeded in electing a Grit candidate. At an early hour on election day he realized he was a beaten man. What did he do? He advised his friends to vote "Grit!" What was his reward? He wore a "Grit" collar for some few dollars and for his disbursements and services in acting as Laurier's commissioner to sit in judgment on Conservatives charged with being political partisans. He received \$83.20!

Whoever rules he is the "Vicar of Bray."

The attorney-general's office is the thing to confound with.

Abuse of High Office.

He may act in the place of honest men like Tattow and Fulton when they are pushed out; he may act in the place of Ellison when he departs with his cow, or in the place of Young when he departs with other stock, but he remains always hanging on to the office of attorney-general because of the profits which it brings by an abuse which is a crying shame and a disgraceful scandal.

Lowell describes a politician in the Bigelow Papers:

"General C. is a drollish smart man. He's bent on all sides that give place or pay. But consistency still was part of his plan. He's been true to one party and that is himself."

Defeat Every Minister.

I ask Conservatives to defeat every minister of Mr. Bowser who shows his head, and this not merely to secure opposition; that is a duty for those who still believe in "Bowserism"; but I ask Conservatives to drive from power this government which has disgraced the province and which has been the servile tool of adventurers.

There are mile posts on the trail of this corrupt combination. An opposition had it existed on the floor of the house, would long ago have exposed their iniquities. Even without opposition mark the mile posts:

Green's retirement in disgrace.
Tattow and Fulton forced out.
Ellison's retirement in disgrace.
Young's retirement in disgrace.

A judge of the supreme court of Canada has recently referred to the "Jewish commissions" paid under suspicious circumstances by this government to its heeler.

Kitsilano Rake-Off.

This reference is to the Kitsilano deal with \$80,000 of a rake-off.

What explanation have we for the \$75,000 rake-off in the Songhees reserve?

What about the money squandered on roads?

What about the sinful waste on public buildings?

We are, in the absence of an effective opposition, rapidly being involved in government by order-in-council.

Laws are being annually amended until the statute law is found by searching statutes for years with amendments on the principle of "vine upon vine"—but the dangerous trend of all our legislation passed hurriedly through a legislature is this, viz., nearly every one (except Mackenzie & Mann) must go cap in hand to the government.

Legislation brings us to the attorney-general's door, and the easiest way through is by way of his firm.

Corporations All Employ Bowser.

No less than 20 private companies working under his legislation have his firm as their registered attorneys.

There are others, such as P. G. & E. railway seeking favor from his government, who are represented by his firm.

Fancy for a moment a minister of the interior when dealing with the N. W. Territories (Sir J. A. Macdonald) being a member of a legal firm dealing with his government!

The attorney-general must be reckoned with in the filing of a subdivision plan and no matter how senseless the objections he may raise, the Crown Costs act passed under his order leave the costs upon the man who successfully applies to a judge to overrule him. Let him, as he did, senselessly intermeddle in a dispute regarding private boundaries and get rapped over the knuckles; he goes scot free.

His act, the Crown Costs act, protects him!

The situation is serious in the extreme. There is a conflict between public duty and private interest.

Conflict of Duty and Interest.

What is the highest duty of an attorney-general?

To advise the lieutenant-governor as to his assent to bills passed by parliament.

This attorney-general was solicitor for a rascally trust company which has brought ruin and destruction to many a home.

It obtained Dominion incorporation and in 1913 sought illegal legislation from our legislature in order to take deposits on interest. Mr. Bowser knew the law, but he allowed his clients to "take chances" of disallowance. He never thought of the chances of the poor depositor.

Did he honestly advise the lieutenant-governor when his bill was submitted for his approval?

On March 4, 1914, Sir Robert Borden's government compelled the amendment of this act, but Mr. Bowser's clients continued to defraud the public.

Railway Huns.

Why should this railway-owned government be allowed to exist?

The railway Huns took charge of them in 1909.

They wanted a parliament without opposition. Tattow and Fulton were hurried from the government because they dared to ask for time to consider the Huns' demands.

The railway buccannery caused parliament to be dissolved and a special election took place on the top of a boom.

Mr. McBride on November 22, 1909, told you in Victoria that "the building of the Canadian Northern would spell general prosperity," and at Revelstoke he pledged himself that if it did not he "would step down and out absolutely and entirely."

He was pushed down and out by Mr. Bowser. It is true; but to accomplish this Mr. Turner had to be got rid of.

Mr. Bowser provided for his life, while we are left with a guarantee of \$40,000,000 "odd" around "our necks!"

Sir Hibbert's Warning.

In your own city I in vain tried to resist the invasion of the railways Huns. This is what I told you:

"All of those things we have no time to ascertain or learn. The whole thing is obscured by grandiloquent talk of our vast resources, our magnificent heritage, that we are going to boom, that we must go with the rush. We have too much boom. It is only good for the boomers. The people at large must remember that such recklessness is something that can only end in disaster, be it temporarily or permanently. At the end, notwithstanding his professed confidence, see how the premier talks to intelligent men. He said to them at Chilliwack that all the supplies and material ought to be purchased in British Columbia. Is there a line in the contract, is there any statement from Mackenzie & Mann, that states any such thing? Their contract allows them to do as they please. If Sir R. Borden is to be believed, with the consent of the British Columbia government!"

And now an indecent attempt is being made to save the sinking ship of Bowser & Co. by bribing you with your own money!

Let us arise in our might and say to these men, "Get you gone, bag and baggage!"

CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER.
March 2, 1916.

Every elector should cast his vote to-morrow, so that there will be no danger of the defeat of the popular will. Vote early for Brewster and the safeguarding of the public interest.

Farmer's Wife: "Are you the same man who ate my apple pastry last week?" Laborer: "No, mum. I'll never be the same man again."

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Notice on Bowser

Novel Jest Adds Spice to the Last Day of the Campaign

The greatest joke of the present campaign, which has been prolific in jests at the public expense by the government and its chief newspaper, is perpetrated this morning. In the space sacred to Harry Price's great renunciation and to the announcements of election-day policies, appears a statement by the paper which is reminiscent of Sir Richard's famous undertaking to resign. It is in the following terms:

"In view of the frequent assertions made during the election campaign regarding the good faith of the Colonist in advocating the election of Mr. Flumerfelt because of the policies for which he and the administration of which he is a member stand, and in order to demonstrate its own confidence in the promises made by the premier in his public utterances and in regard to the matters mentioned in the speech of the lieutenant-governor at the opening of the house, this paper wishes to define its position. We hereby give notice that if Mr. Bowser and his colleagues do not give evidence of a determination to fulfill the promises referred to, and specifically if they do not introduce into the house legislation to give effect to their shipbuilding policy, and make every effort in their power to secure its passage, and if they do not give unmistakable evidence by appropriate action, or otherwise, of their determination to carry out their promise in respect to the Agricultural Credits act, the Colonist will withdraw its support from Mr. Bowser and his colleagues at the next general election."

"In making this statement we do not suppose for one moment that we shall be called upon to carry it into effect, for we are absolutely confident of the good faith of the government and of its determination to leave no effort untaken to carry out the pledges it has made or of its ability to do so. What has been said above is, perhaps, without precedent in British Columbia politics, but the charges of bad faith made by the Liberals are also without precedent in the history of this or any other province of Canada."

"If Mr. Flumerfelt is defeated on Saturday the undertaking given above will remain binding upon the Colonist. We make it without any equivocation or reservation whatever."

A young man presented himself at a recruiting office, and told the sergeant in charge he wished to enlist. The sergeant surveyed him critically. "But you're too small," he objected. "I'm not so small as that man over there," answered the man. "But," said the sergeant, "he's an officer." "Well," replied the applicant, "I'm not a pickicker, I'll be an officer, too!"

New Spring Footwear At Watson's

The daily arrival of new Spring styles in Footwear for Men, Women and Children, tends to make the display at Watson's specially interesting.

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SPORTING NEWS

SEMI-FINAL ROUND IN PEDEN CUP COMPETITION TO-MORROW AFTERNOON

Victoria Wests Oppose Thistles at Beacon Hill and Western Scots Engage Fusiliers at the Willows; Old Country Football Gossip

TO-MORROW'S SOCCER

Peden Cup Games.
Wests vs. Thistles at Beacon Hill. Referee, Lockaley.
88th Fusiliers vs. 67th Western Scots at the Willows. Referee, Mathison.
Junior Standard.

Congos vs. Y.M.C.A. at Beacon Hill. Referee, Mr. Telfer.

To-morrow's soccer programme, which includes the semi-final round for the Peden cup is attracting unusual interest. All four teams appear to be very evenly matched on paper, and it would be useless to venture to make a prediction as to the outcome of the games.

On their past form the Western Scots rule eight favorites over the 88th Battalion. Their defeat of the strong 103rd team last Saturday boosted their stock considerably, while the 88th gained little glory by downing the North Woods, who were hopelessly outwitted by the soldiers. The Fusiliers made a good showing, however, and might upset the dogs by downing the Scots.

The outcome of the West-Thistle match at Beacon Hill is the most in doubt. Up to last Saturday the Thistles ruled favorites, but the brilliant showing of the Wests against the Jacksons put them on an even standing with the Scots. Both these clubs possess great shooting ability, but the West defence appears slightly stronger than that of the opposition. This should be the most evenly-contested game of the Peden cup series.

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West and Thistle Teams.
Wests—Robertson; Whyte and Jackson; Stewart, Petticrew and Church; McLeod, Merryfield, Youson, Shakespear and Sherritt.
Thistles—Nute; Taylor and Brown; Vincent, Adam and Keith; Hayward, Buchanan, Milne, Muir and Frankish; Henry, Hadden, Engle and Peacock.

Yet another well-known Derbyshire football player has given his life for his country. Sergeant John Pettit, of the Royal Engineers, having been killed in action in France on January 24. The deceased was a prominent member of the well-known Clay Cross Zingari Football club. He helped them to win the Derbyshire Alliance championship, and the challenge cup two seasons ago, and was a general favorite. Sergeant Pettit was a researchist, having served six years with the colors, and was called up on the outbreak of hostilities. He was wounded at Ypres, and has been mentioned in dispatches for conspicuous bravery on the field.

As a result of the unseemly scene at Bramall Lane on January 15, on the occasion of the match between Sheffield United and the Wednesday, when both players were ordered off for fighting, W. H. Breilford, the United

half-back, has been suspended by the Football association for six weeks, and E. Glenon, the Wednesday forward, for a month.

At a meeting of the divisional committee of the Derbyshire F. A., at Langley Hill on Thursday evening, Albert Harrison, a well-known player of the Long Eaton St. Helen's F. C., was suspended forthwith until the end of the first season in which football resumes under the jurisdiction of the D. F. A. for striking an opponent, F. Brothwell, of the Shireland Colliery F. C., who was censured as to his future, and H. Richardson of the Trouville F. C. was fined £5 for misconduct.

Many in Dumfriesshire are mourning the death of Private W. B. Wright, 7th Service Battalion H. L. L. He was seriously wounded on the lower part of the face and neck in France, and died at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, a few days ago. Private Wright was a prominent member of the Vale of Leven Cricket club, and he also played football for the Leven Amateurs. His father, Major J. B. Wright, represented the Old Vale of Leven F. C. for many years on the committee of the Scottish Football association.

Lieutenant A. Ballantyne, of Greenock, is mentioned in Sir Ian Hamilton's despatch. Those who know Ballantyne would have been surprised had he not been mentioned for he has always enjoyed the distinction of being one of the most courageous sportsmen in the West of Scotland. He was a fearless forward, and as a batsman there is no one to equal him as a vigorous hitter.

At the big camp at Ruhlben, where 4,000 Britons are interned, there is published a monthly magazine, several copies of which have recently reached England. The October number describes various phases of life in the camp, and of sport it is written:

"The football season opened on Sunday, to the delight of the vast majority of the camp. Cricket may be the noble old English pastime, and all that sort of thing, but without doubt this is the football age; something short and strenuous, a buzz of excitement, and a chance to exercise the lungs is the demand made by the English crowd to-day, and Ruhlben is no exception."

"There was something in the face of the men, and the air, and the whole place that was reminiscent of an English bank holiday—a fresh, sun, light soap sort of feeling, with everybody looking quite satisfied with himself and the world."

"The weather was ideal, the ground good, and the crowd big. What more could a football enthusiast ask? Baron von Taube kicked off."

Since the outbreak of war nearly seventy members of the Dublin Bohemians F. C. have entered the army. Of these, Capt. Crozier and Lieut. T. W. G. Johnson have been awarded the Military Cross, and Sgt. Major Smith, the Irish amateur international half-back, has gained the D. C. M.

WHITMAN WON.

Moscow, Idaho, March 2.—Whitman college basketball team won a close game here last night from the University of Idaho, 24 to 20.

V. I. A. A. DANCE TO-NIGHT

The Vancouver Island A. A. A. will hold its second club dance of the season to-night at the club rooms, corner of Catherine and Edward streets, Victoria. West. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock, and continue until 1:30 o'clock. The dance committee: M. Woodburn, A. Davies, A. Hawthornthwaite, E. Deslites and W. H. Davies—is in charge of the arrangements. The floor has been re-planed and properly prepared, while the building has been tastefully decorated for the event. Orm's orchestra will be in attendance, and will render all the latest dance music. A buffet supper will be served during the evening.

PACKEY M'FARLAND WILL REMAIN IN BIKE GAME

Kansas City, Mar. 3.—Packey M'Farland had a hunch he was quietly getting away from the fight game when he blossomed out as a promoter of minor races some few weeks ago. But it begins to appear now as though Packey had merely stepped into one of the real battles of his career. Packey is head of the Cyclists' Federation of America, an organization which has lured away from the National Cycling association the majority of the better bike riders of the game.

"It's a great game," said M'Farland, "and I'm in it to stay. We are going through with all of our contracts and will hold meets in Milwaukee, Minneapolis and probably San Francisco. We have all the good riders and they are with us to stay. They are all satisfied and so are we."

AMERICAN BOXER IS DETAINED IN AUSTRALIA

Chicago, Mar. 3.—George ("K. O.") Brown of Chicago, who gained glove fame by sticking twenty rounds with Lester Darcy in Australia, can not get out of that country at present. George left this country without a passport or citizenship papers. He is a citizen of the United States, but has nothing with him in Australia to prove it. They know he is a Greek, of course, and will not let him leave until he produces his papers. He has sent to his country for his papers, and they probably will reach him within five or six weeks.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

Vancouver, March 2.—Jack McMillan is the 1916 open English billiard champion of British Columbia. He provided the biggest surprise of the title series in the final game at the Hotel Vancouver last night when he came from behind in the second half of the match with a heavy handicap against him and nosed Johnny Park in the most exciting match of the tournament. McMillan played a fine uphill battle all the way. He appeared to be hopelessly outclassed in the early stages of the match, but in the last 200 points he got the balls rolling to his satisfaction and completely reversed the situation. Score—McMillan, 750; Park, 715. McMillan made the best run of the evening, scoring 90, the majority of these points being scored off the red. At one time Park was 100 points in the lead, but went to pieces and allowed McMillan to pass him.

STANLEY CUP SERIES IS ALMOST ASSURED

Manager Savage Received Word From N. H. A. Club Guaranteeing Expenses

Portland, March 3.—Manager E. H. Savage, of the Portland Hockey club, now is almost assured of a world's championship match with the winner of the N. H. A. race. Telegrams were received to-day from the Montreal Wanderers and the Ottawa club, stating that they would guarantee the expenses of the Portland club, if it took the eastern trip. A wire had already been received from the Canadians, the great French-Canadian team of the N. H. A., who are leading the league by a couple of games.

Savage also received wires from the Winnipeg Maroons and the Houghton, Mich., team, asking for exhibition games, while the coast champions are en route east.

Ottawa, March 2.—The Ottawa Hockey club held a meeting to-night to consider the request of the Portland club that they, if successful in winning the N. H. A. championship, should agree to play the world's series for the Stanley cup on the artificial ice at the Montreal Arena. They decided they would insist on the game being played in Ottawa, or not at all. They are bound by an agreement with Manager Day to hold the games here if possible, and besides, they considered that it would be unfair to their patrons to hold the games in another city.

The Ottawa club has procured affidavits which are being forwarded President Quinn requesting the suspension of Gordon Roberts, whose deliberate assault on Nighbor, it is claimed, cannot go unpunished without serious injury to professional hockey. The local club asserts that it has insisted all season on the team playing clean hockey, but other clubs in the league took advantage of this condition to hammer them up. The Canadian game here February 12, was expected to be a rough voyage as the Ottawa men had threatened retaliation for the manhandling they received from the Frenchmen in Montreal, February 9.

The Ottawa club, however, warned all its men any rough work would be dealt with severely. As a result what was expected to be a strenuous encounter, proved to be the cleanest game of the season. Disgraceful things have been threatened the Wanderers when they came there last Monday, but the Ottawa management saw that the Red Bands were given the usual courtesy accorded all visiting teams the past two seasons.

Art Duncan, the well-known Vancouver hockey star, intends taking up an officer's course of instruction. He will go to Toronto for that purpose.

Joe Wilson, the well-known Eastern Canadian swimmer, has joined the 1st Battalion for overseas. He won the Canadian championship in 1902, and is 1000 swam for the championship of England. He was awarded two gold medals which were presented to him by King Edward VII.

The Wanderer N. H. A. hockey team has released Ras Murphy, the defence player. Murphy came to the Wanderers from the Maritime league.

Russell Blackburn, the infielder released to Toronto by the White Sox, refuses to sign with the Leafs. He says he will quit baseball.

Joe Gedeon lammed out the first homer at the New York Yankee's training quarters at Macon, Ga.

The scheduled fight between Harry Pierce and Charlie Whittem, which was cancelled owing to an injury to the former's hand while training.

Denny Palmer, the sensational New York lightweight is being side-stepped by all the top notches in the east. His defeats of Jimmy Murphy, Joe Mandor and Phil Bloom were great upsets. He is said to be the hardest hitting boxer of his weight in the world.

Ray Collins, Joe Wood, Forest Cady and Thomas, four veterans of the Boston Red Sox, are about to be cut adrift by the champion.

YACHT CLUB DANCE.

The Royal Victoria Yacht club will hold a dance to-night at the club house, Uplands. Tickets can be obtained from the secretary, 101 Pemberton block, or from the steward at the club. Dancing commences at 8:30 o'clock.

St. Louis, March 3.—Accident policies aggregating \$10,000 were taken out by President Britton, of the St. Louis Nationals, to-day on the members of his team. The insurance does not cover accidents received on the baseball diamond.

TILLMAN AWARDED DECISION.

St. Paul, Minn., March 3.—Johnny Tillman, Minneapolis welterweight, was awarded the newspaper decision in a second round slugfest with Len Rowan, Milwaukee, here last night.

BOXER CHOSE HIS RING NAME FROM RACEHORSE

Ernest Price Thought Jack Dillon a More Appropriate Name for Fighter

Only the home town crowd of Indianapolis knows how many thousands dollars in publicity meant to Jack Dillon to be mentioned in the same breath with Jess Willard, Jack, the bear-cat, and the man-killer, never had a publicity agent. He never had a manager who knew the game. He's a self-made boxer.

The only kind of boxing allowed in his town is the hot stove kind, and when the fans gather round, they tell stories of Ernest Cutler Price, who, as Dillon, has placed Indianapolis on the sport map against her will. Dillon probably is the only topnotch athlete in any branch who deliberately chose the name of a horse for his own. When Ernest was a skinny kid he used to frequent the barn where Sidney Dillon, sire of a long string of good trotters, held forth. His friendship for the horse caused him to take that name.

Jack is a silent fighter, too. He goes into the toughest contest and never says a word. He keeps his head down and works silently, depending on his ruggedness and fighting spirit to win. When you find Jack on the street he's silent. When asked about a fight, with set jaw and a gleam in his eye, he remarks: "I'm going into that fight to knock him out." Jack always tried for a knockout. When the sport boys down east refused to "see" Jack, his friends tried to argue him into taking on a new manager, but Jack steadfastly refused to drop his old friend, Sam Murbarger.

Only the home guard understood what it meant to Dillon to knock out Tom Cowler, Jim Corbett's protégé. Local boys remember back in the spring of 1910 when Gentleman Jim, who was entertaining the idea that he could wrest the title from Jack Johnson, came here in his vaudeville circuit. While here Jim announced his "come back" and undertook to demonstrate his skill at the Marion club. Shortly after Corbett's arrival Price had borrowed his fighting name. He was little more than a welterweight and unknown outside the city. His friends got him the chance for a try-out against the great Corbett.

Dillon showed enough to make Corbett take off his gloves and forget his comeback aspirations, but in doing so he seemingly acquired the former champ's empty. Since that time Corbett has steadfastly refused to "see" Jack. Thus Dillon got more out of the fight than showed on the surface, for he floored the man Corbett was grooming for the heavyweight championship. Jack was 25 the day he met Cowler.

Dillon's record, though fraught with knockouts, is an eccentric document conforming to the moods of a temperamental fighter. The Hoosier lad has changed in recent months and become more business-like, but in the earlier seasons of his fighting career it was well known in fighting circles that if Jack Dillon didn't feel like fighting he wouldn't fight. On the other hand he frequently went into the ring feeling rocky and vented his grooves on the luckless wight before him.

There's one incident in the Man Killer's career that never fails to cause him considerable ink. That is the bout with Chicago Knockout Brown in St. Louis when the fans tossed their chairs at the are lights and Referee Randall jumped out of the ring, declaring the fight the veriest hippodrome. It was a tame bout, but Dillon claimed his hands were sore and said anyhow he let Brown carry the fight to him whenever he fought the Greek, which in those days were often. The management took the money from Dillon and Murbarger and tied up their \$750 purse, which still remains in the sheriff's custody in the Mount City.

This incident was soon forgotten, however, and the demand for Dillon's services throughout the country was steady and strong. He flitted from one town to another, never figuring in large purses, and always fighting apparently as a true son of battle.

HARRY ANDERSON WILL MEET WINNIPEG BOXER

Edmonton, March 3.—Instead of Pie, Goldie, 6th Battalion, providing the opposition for Harry Anderson to-morrow evening at the Edmonton Athletic club the clever Vancouver lightweight will go ten rounds against Billy MacKenzie of Winnipeg. This switch in the personnel was necessitated owing to an injured hand the soldier received yesterday while training, making further boxing out of the question for the next few weeks. The announcement will be heard with regret as Goldie made such a fine showing in his first Edmonton appearance that the fans were anxious to see him in action again.

O. H. A. RESULTS.

Toronto, March 3.—Last night's amateur hockey results:
O. H. A. semi-final—Riversides, of Toronto, 10; Frontenacs, of Kingston, 1. Return game at Toronto Friday, March 3. Winners meet Berlin in final, the date not yet being arranged.
Intermediates—Midland, 10; Belleville, 4. Return game to be played at Belleville Friday, March 3.

MASCOT STOPPED BENNETT.

Salem, Ore., March 3.—Billy Mascott, of Portland, stopped Jockey Bennett, champion bantamweight of the north-west, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-round go here last night. Bennett's seconds tossed the towel into the ring.

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PORTLAND WON OPENER FROM ALL-STAR TEAM

Champions Overcome 3-Goal Lead in Last Five Minutes and Won 6 to 5

Portland, Ore., March 3.—Scoring four goals in the last five minutes of play the Portland champions overcame a three-goal lead and defeated the All-Star selection 4 to 5. It was a wonderful finish and had every spectator in the building up on his toes. In the opening period the Stars attained a two-goal lead, and at the end of the second period led 3 to 1. They added two more goals in the third period, and were well on the road to victory when the Rosebuds started their brilliant rally.

Tommy Dunderdale scored three goals and had two assists to his credit, while Bernie Morris was the scoring star on the closing line-up.

The teams:
All-Stars Positions: Goal Fogland, Lehman Goal Murray, Carpenter Point Irvine, Cook Cover Point Johnson, Foyson Forward Outman, Kerr Left Wing Harris, Nichols Centre Dunderdale, Morris Right Wing Tobin, Walker Reserves Uklea, Barbour.
Goal Summary.
First period—All-Stars, Foyson from Kerr, 4:30; All-Stars, Morris, 10:07.
Second period—Portland, Tobin, 4:41; All-Stars, Morris, 5:00.
Third period—All-Stars, Mackay, from Foyson, 3:04; All-Stars, Nichols from Walker, 7:56; Portland, Dunderdale, 8:10; Portland, Barbour from Dunderdale, 8:12; Portland, Dunderdale, 1:50; Portland, Uklea from Dunderdale, 4:30 seconds.
Penalties.
First period—Cook, All-Stars, 4 min.
Second period—None.
Third period—Johnson, Portland, 5 min.

NAPS START TRAINING.

New Orleans, La., March 3.—The Cleveland American league baseball club began spring training here yesterday on the Southern league's grounds, Manager Fohl, with eight regulars, arrived late Wednesday night, joining other players and recruits who have been arriving singly. The New Orleans Southern league team will work out with Cleveland.

VETERANS TO GO.

Boston, Mass., March 3.—The Boston American league baseball club announced to-day that all American and National league clubs had waived claim to Forest Cady and Chester Thomas, catchers, and Ray Collins and Joe Wood, pitchers.

CRICKET CLUB MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Five "C's" Cricket club will be held on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock in Christ Church cathedral schoolroom. President Telfer will occupy the chair. All members are requested to be present.

First Clubwoman—"I noticed you talking to that old bore. Did she get on to her ailments?" Second Clubwoman—"Yes. You might almost call it an organ recital."—Punch.

This is not a party election, but an uprising of the people against the political system which bred the Dominion Trust conspiracy, the Kiteilano deal, fraudulent land alienation, wild extravagance and kindred evils. We cannot have sound progress without clean government, and we cannot have clean government with a top-sided legislature.

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Anyone Flashing Light When
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London, March 3.—As a result of the Zeppelin raid on the midland counties this notice has been issued in a Lincolnshire town:

"In future, any person seen flashing a light or letting off any sort of rocket or fireworks when hostile aircraft are present or expected will be fired on without notice."

So much fable has grown up around the Zeppelin raids that it is impossible to tell whether or not there is any basis of fact to the stories of spies communicating with the invaders by means of signal lights. After every raid a crop of stories appears about mysterious motorcars, with brilliant upturned lights, concealed in the bodies. These stories are well vouched for but always come by hearsay.

One arrest, however, did result in Lincolnshire after the recent raid. Walter John Bott, a commercial traveler for a malting house, was brought before the Lincoln police court on the charge of displaying a light in such a manner as to serve as a signal during the raid. Witnesses said that Bott had flashed a powerful electric torch in the street when the Zeppelins were heard. Bott's defence was that he was treating some passers-by to a drink and used the light in filling a glass. The authorities took the view that to display a light of any sort at such a time was a serious matter.

Absurd Reports

Thousands of cases reported to the police by well-meaning persons turn out to be too absurd to investigate. People who forget to pull their blinds down after turning on lights and then take dumb-bell or Indian club exercises in full view of the street are oftenest in trouble. The fact that their movements could not be seen on the securities they held. The securities have now mostly been written down to their present market values, though many of them in war loans are repayable at par at a fixed period. Roughly it may be said that though £10,000,000 was subscribed in Ireland to war loans, there is as much money in the banks as ever. So well off are they that an absurd rumor was started that the government intended to commandeer the money in them. This rumor apparently was believed and was visited by the chairman of the National bank as an explanation of a drop of £200,000 in deposits, though the same bank has had an increase of money on current accounts of £137,000.

Several of the Irish banks have authorized under an act of parliament passed in 1845 to issue notes, and at the beginning of the war the crisis which had to be met in England by the issue of £1 treasury notes did not exist in Ireland, where the £1 note is an established feature of the currency. But as the act provides that notes shall be held as cover against all notes issued in excess of the amount scheduled in the act and as there has been a great increase in the volume of business transacted in connection with the war and at the same time a contraction of the gold supply, the banks have issued notes greatly in excess of the figures provided in the act. To cover these they have had to lock up a great deal of life money. In the case of the National bank the chairman announced that while the authorized amount of bank-note issue was £250,000, it had issued £1,800,000 beyond that figure. Suggestions have been made to the chancellor of the exchequer for the setting free of the money held as cover on certain conditions, but so far he has not felt himself able to agree to the proposal.

The secret of the strong position of the Irish banks is the fact that Ireland is mainly an agricultural country and that owing to the war agriculture is a booming industry. The past year has been a very prosperous one for the farmers. In all parts of Ireland the last harvest was very good, and indications are that there will be

a repetition this year. There is an ample supply of hay and roots for winter feeding of cattle, and in most cases the farmers are said to have all they need in the way of cattle as was feared would not be the case when at the beginning of the war the high prices induced exceptionally heavy sales.

QUEENSLAND TAKES TO COTTON-GROWING

Patriotic Campaign Takes
Form in Town in Aus-
tralian State

Brisbane, March 3.—Cotton is to be grown in Australia to help Britain and her allies and the empire after the war. This was decided upon at a public meeting at Mount Morgan, in Northern Queensland.

It is recalled that toward the close of the Civil war in the United States, Queensland took to cotton culture to meet the British demand, which was enormous and had been greatly increased by the impoverishment of the South, and in 1871 the cotton exports from Australia amounted to 2,500,000 pounds. When cotton-growing recovered in the United States, that country produced huge quantities and in order to dispose of it, sold it at such low figures that the Queensland growers could not compete with profit at the American prices and the industry finally languished.

Started by Article.
The present cotton-growing campaign owes its existence to an article written for a Rockhampton newspaper by G. Stephen Hart, F. R. S. In the course of this Mr. Hart said:

"To-day the government guarantees to advance three cents per pound on raw cotton, to gin it, export it and sell it, and give any further profit obtained to the producer."

"The individual farmer is not yet convinced that he could grow cotton at a profit, but now there is a national reason why he should try. Now, it is no exaggeration to say that the existence of the empire is largely dependent on the available supply of cotton, for no cotton, no shells has become an accepted axiom. If ever Australia could be invaded or cut off from other lands by ocean-raids we might realize to our cost 'No cotton in Australia, no shells in Australia.'"

"For 10,000,000 soldiers one pound of cotton per man would mean about 4,500 tons. I do not know how many pounds of high explosives made from cotton, each soldier, on the average, uses in one year, but as a guide it may be taken that one pound of cordite is required for about 250 rifle cartridges, and 500 pounds of cotton makes one charge for one 15-inch shell for the Queensland gun. The illustrious chemical savant, Sir William Ramsay, and others asserted again and again that no cotton means no shells, and at last prevailed upon the allies to declare cotton contraband of war. Can not we, too, learn the lesson that no cotton means no shells and that unless we have cotton in Australia we are defenceless? Shall we grow it or import it? Or shall we sit down without it till we see if anybody comes our way?"

Many Small Areas.
"A number of fitters are to be used in Queensland to make shells. A single lathe capable of making 20 shells a day is gladly accepted. So would a contribution of 1,000 tons, or even 100 tons of cotton. From world statistics it may be taken that five acres of cotton plants yield one ton of cotton. The yield from perennial cotton, where unaffected by frost, is as high as five pounds of bolls or two and a half pounds of lint. As the picking necessitates considerable labor, it would seem better for many to grow on small areas of up to, say, five acres each, rather than for individuals to attempt large plantations."

"We have all over Australia women working industriously at Red Cross work for our soldiers. Individually, each one's work may seem but a drop in the ocean, but they are showing that sufficient drops make an ocean. Why should not each of the 20,000 residents of Rockhampton, and each of the 12,000 residents of Mount Morgan, grow one cotton plant? Why should not each of the 600,000 residents of Queensland grow one plant? Their little contribution could be taken to the municipal authorities to forward to Brisbane. The government's advance could be a good addition to our patriotic funds."

"These suggestions are put forward with the hope that they will be improved upon and carried to a successful issue under the guidance of those among us who have many years' successful experience in cotton-growing; but we should move quickly, as seed planted in September and October should produce a harvest about the close of the next European winter."

REPORTED BULGARIANS AND GREEKS FIGHTING

London, March 4.—Bulgarians and Greeks are battling near Matsikovo, the Bulgarians having taken the initiative, according to a Central News dispatch received here from Salonica.

CONFERENCE AT COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen, March 3.—King Christian of Denmark has invited the prime ministers of foreign affairs of Norway and Sweden to visit Copenhagen on March 9 in order to discuss with Premier Zapple of Denmark questions which the war has shown to be of common interest to the three countries.

It is best to love wisely no doubt; but to love foolishly is better than not to be able to love at all.—Thackeray.

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FIRE IN OFFICE OF PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

Providence, R. I., March 3.—The Journal, the office of which was damaged by fire last night, gave out a statement to-day saying that the explosion which occurred a few minutes after the fire started filled the room with flames, which shot through the editorial rooms adjoining.

"The room in which the fire originated had been unoccupied for two years," says the statement, "and there were no electric wires that could possibly have started the blaze. When the automatic sprinklers began to operate the water seemed to add to the intensity of the flames."

"After investigation the police department arrived at the conclusion that the fire could not have been of accidental origin."

The Providence Journal has been foremost among the papers in the United States in exposing the plots made by Germans to blow up munitions plants and ships and interfere in other ways with the supply of materials to the entente nations. It was

WHERE TO VOTE

There has been a request for the publication of the polling places. These are as follows:

Ward One—560 Yates street, the old Fruit exchange, on the north side of the street, facing the end of Langley street.

Ward Two—B. C. Pottery warehouse, corner of Broad street and Pandora avenue.

Ward Three—Maynard's auction rooms, in the old Institute hall, View street, between Douglas and Blanshard streets.

Ward Four—719 Courtney street, in the store formerly occupied by George Carter & Son, opposite the Alexandra club.

Ward Five—Northwest Garage, corner of Wharf and Broughton streets, across from the marine and fisheries department.

BUSY CHAPTER YEAR

Reports at Annual Meeting of Florence Nightingale Chapter Show Numerous Activities.

The annual meeting of the Florence Nightingale chapter took place on Tuesday, with the regent, Mrs. Hasell, in the chair, and a good attendance of members present. The treasurer, Mrs. Morley, read the report for the year showing numerous interests on the part of the chapter. The sum of \$1,075.01 had passed through the chapter's hands during the year, over \$100 of this amount having been expended for wool and material for Red Cross supplies which the members of the chapter had made up into comforts for the soldiers.

The regent's address was listened to with great interest. Reference was made to the happy relations that had existed between herself and different members of the chapter, and great appreciation of the co-operative spirit shown was expressed. In her capacity of honorary president, the new officer to which she was elected on her resignation from the regency, Mrs. Hasell stated that she hoped still to work in the chapter.

The following was the result of the election of officers: Honorary regent, Mrs. Hasell; regent, Mrs. Beckwith; first vice-regent, Mrs. Morley; second vice-regent, Mrs. Wilkinson; secretary, Miss E. Litt Smith; treasurer, Miss Morley; echoes secretary, Miss E. Taylor; standard-bearer, Miss Little; councillors, Mrs. Hudson, Miss Lovell, Mrs. H. K. Prior, Mrs. McAlam, Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Seabrook Young, Miss Hiscock, Mrs. Wallace Grime, Mrs. Loveland, Mrs. Chas. Elliott.

The honorary secretary, Miss Litt Smith, read an interesting annual report reviewing the numerous activities of the order during the twelve months just closed. At the luncheon shower at Government house, in which the chapter had been asked to co-operate with Mrs. Barnard; old linen shower, the sending of newspapers to soldiers in hospital, the continuance of the St. John ambulance classes, the continued support of the camp hospitals and the Y. M. C. A. at the Wilbrow, reception to graduate nurses and doctors, Christmas comforts shown for the men at the front, and many other undertakings. Regret at the resignation of the regent, Mrs. Hasell,

largely through its articles that Boy-Ed, von Papen and Dumba were driven from the United States.

from the office which she had so splendidly filled, was expressed, but acknowledging the higher importance of the provincial work they were content to endorse her action.

Miss Nilsson, a member who had recently visited White Horse and Dawson, gave a very interesting account of her meeting with the people of those places. At White Horse she had given to the ladies a description of the work being done by the chapters in Victoria, and at Dawson she had met Bishop and Mrs. Stringer and been introduced by them to a number of ladies. She had told them that in Victoria a ten-cent collection was sometimes made for the purpose of helping patriotic work, and with this suggestion for a stimulus the ladies of Dawson, had taken up a twenty-five-cent collection, which brought in \$30. Later more money was collected, and finally she had been able to forward \$350 to the Victoria Red Cross. Promises had been given to increase monthly contributions to the patriotic funds from \$1.50 to \$2.00. A standing vote of thanks was according Miss Nilsson at the close of her interesting address.

Mrs. Morley reported for the Patriotic Service League and the newspaper fund, both of which were doing satisfactorily.

After a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Hasell for her inspiring devotion to the chapter interests during the year, the meeting was briefly addressed by the new regent, Mrs. Beckwith, who thanked the members for the confidence they had shown by placing her in office. The chapter elected the following nine members, who are absent on active service, as honorary members during the time of the war: Miss Ethel Cook, Mrs. Carcolth, Miss McNaughton Jones, Miss Kathleen Little, Mrs. Mallard, Miss Mowbray, Miss Morrison and Miss Rogers.

11TH C. M. R. BAND.

The 11th C. M. R. band has returned to Victoria from Nanaimo after a busy week. The band had a busy time at Nanaimo where they played at a military concert in the opera house, at a military ball in the Odd Fellows' hall, at which over 500 attended, and at a dance later in the same hall. The last performance of the band was at a benefit concert for the widow of Trooper McMeekin, at which the proceeds amounted to \$95. Many were turned away at the doors. The band also played at the military funeral of Trooper McMeekin and gave

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Maru. The Empress will carry a record
shipment of mail for Russia. Her
passengers will include Commissioner
Earnshaw and wife, representative of
the Philippine government to the
United States, en route to Manila; J.
V. A. MacMurray, secretary of the
American legation at Peking, and
wife; Capt. J. C. Breckenridge, of
Washington, D. C., en route to China
on United States government business;
and Robert H. Armstrong, representa-
tive of the Division of the Pacific
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las and Blanshard streets.
Ward Four—719 Courtney
street, in the store formerly oc-
cupied by George Carter & Son,
opposite the Alexandra club.
Ward Five—Northwest Gar-
age, corner of Wharf and
Broughton streets, across from
the marine and fisheries depart-
ment.

DECKS OF LINER COVERED WITH SNOW

The Shidzuoka Maru Passed
Through Storm When Few
Days From This Port

For several days on the trip from
the Orient the Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Shidzuoka Maru, Captain Tozawa, was
coated in a mantle of white as the
steamer passed through a snowstorm
with the weather extremely cold.
The steamer arrived at William Head
a few minutes before nine, and after
receiving pratique proceeded to the
outer wharf, where she tied up at 10:30.
The Shidzuoka Maru left Hongkong
on February 2 and was favored with
fine weather from that port to Yokohama.
Leaving the latter port on
February 17 the trip was a good one
for the winter season until about three
days ago, when she ran into a snow-
storm which raged with considerable
force. The snow fell fast and in a
short time five inches covered the deck
of the liner which presented a very
winterly appearance.

Yesterday the steamer encountered a
strong head wind which increased in
force as darkness approached, and the
hurricane reached its height last night.
The wind was accompanied by snow,
which made things somewhat unpleas-
ant while it lasted.

The liner had seventeen cabin pas-
sengers, one of whom, C. D. Strong,
landed here. Her steerage passengers
included 59 Russians, 37 Japanese and
four Filipinos. Twenty-eight of the
Japanese landed at Victoria.

The steamer had 7,114 tons of cargo
on board, 625 tons being for this port.
Rice forms the largest item in her
cargo list, but she also had 2,000 bales
of raw silk, valued at 1,000,000.
This is going through Seattle. The
Victoria freight included 37 cases of
silk goods, and among her general
cargo in addition to the rice were
beans, peanuts and tea.

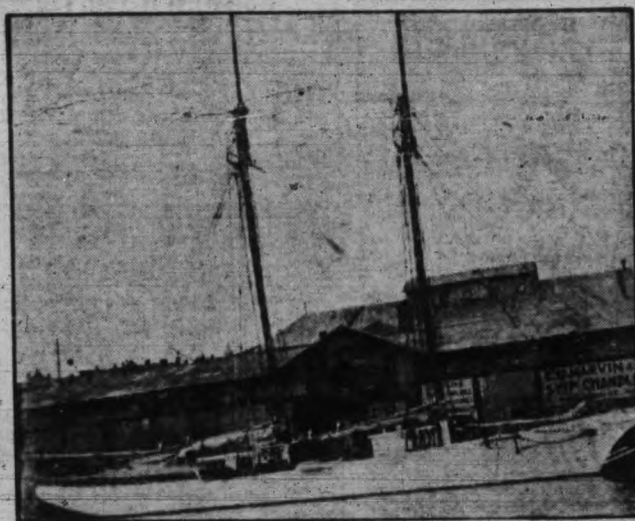
WIRELESS REPORT

March 3, 8 a. m.
Point Grey—Snowing; squally; S. W.;
bar, 29.65; temp, 54.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E.; bar, 29.55;
temp, 40; sea smooth. Spoke S. S.
Toka at Alford, 8:40 a. m.
Fuchien—Cloudy; S. W.; light; moder-
ate gale; bar, 29.15; temp, 23; sea rough.
Estevan—Snowing; calm; bar, 29.42;
temp, 23; sea moderate.
Alert Bay—Snowing; N. W.; bar,
29.30; temp, 22; sea smooth. Spoke
S. S. Alaska off Miller Island, 12:30
a. m., northbound.
Triangle—Snowing; S. W.; light;
bar, 29.48; temp, 23; sea moderate.
Dead Tree Point—Clear; calm; bar,
29.53; temp, 25; sea smooth.
Ikeda—Overcast; N. W.; light; bar,
29.36; temp, 25; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; S. E.; light;
bar, 29.30; temp, 24; sea smooth.
Noon.
Point Grey—Clear; W.; strong; bar,
29.71; temp, 32. Out, S. S. Prince
John, 10:35 a. m.
Cape Lazo—Clear; S. E.; bar, 29.55;
temp, 61; sea smooth.
Fuchien—Cloudy; W.; fresh; bar,
29.22; temp, 43; sea rough.
Estevan—Overcast; N. W.; bar,
29.58; temp, 26; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; N. W.; light;
bar, 29.50; temp, 26; sea smooth.
Triangle—Cloudy; W.; bar, 29.62;
temp, 32; sea moderate. Spoke, 10 a.
m., off Millbank Sound, southbound.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; N. W.;
light; bar, 29.52; temp, 31; sea smooth.
Ikeda—Overcast; N. W.; light; bar,
29.31; temp, 29; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; N. W.;
bar, 29.33; temp, 36; sea smooth.

PASSENGERS GOING SOUTH.

The Pacific Coast Steamship com-
pany's steamer Governor will sail for
San Francisco at 5 o'clock this evening.
Her passengers from Victoria will
include Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Booth, Mr.
and Mrs. J. W. Potter and two chil-
dren, Mrs. A. L. B. Crockett, Mr. Youngs
husband, Mrs. A. S. Tolle, Miss G.
Turner, Mrs. J. Stamford, Mrs. J. Weil,
J. W. Jones, C. J. Walsh and wife, Mrs.
E. Hayes and son, and Mr. and Mrs.
S. Smeaton.

MAY GET AWAY TO-MORROW



SCHOONER YSABEL MAY

Which is to Be Operated in the South Seas between Christmas Island and Tahiti.

CANNERY SHIPS IN OFF-SHORE TRADE

Two Vessels Will Carry Lum-
ber to Australia and Bring
Nitrates From Chile

Record-breaking charter rates which
will net their owners handsome profits
have attracted two of Seattle's can-
nery sailing craft, the full-rigged
American ships A. J. Fuller and
Charles E. Moody, in the offshore
trade.

Announcement is made by C. H.
Whitelaw, vice-president and treasurer
of the Northwestern Fisheries com-
pany, with headquarters in Seattle,
that he has chartered the Fuller and
the Moody to J. J. Moore & Co., of San
Francisco. The two vessels will load
lumber on the North Pacific coast, prob-
ably on Puget Sound, for Australia,
where they will take cargoes of ni-
trates for the North Pacific.

The voyages of the vessels to Aus-
tralia and South American and return
will require about eleven months. They
are expected to be back on the Sound
in time to re-enter the Alaska cannery
trade in the spring of 1917.

Mr. Whitelaw said that the ships
would be manned by the crews which
usually take them north in the spring
and bring them back to the Sound in
the fall.
"As the canneries at which the
ships would be stationed the coming
season are served by regular steam-
ship lines from Seattle, the temporary
absence of two of the vessels in the
fleet will make no difference in con-
ducting the business in the north,"
said Mr. Whitelaw.

The schooners Rosamond, Meteor,
Ludlow and Mauna have been sold by
John A. Hooper to the Pacific Freight
company. The following prices
were obtained: Schooner Rosamond,
\$25,000; schooner Meteor, \$20,000;
schooner Ludlow, \$24,000, and schooner
Mauna, \$24,000.

GOES ON SKAGWAY RUN.

The C. P. R. steamer Princess Sophia,
which is being placed on the Skagway
run, will leave to-night for the north,
via Vancouver. With her sailing the
company is inaugurating the spring
schedule on this route.

OFFICIALS VISIT CITY.

A. P. Chapman, Jr., general agent
passenger department of the Chicago,
Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, and H.
A. Bonn, general western agent of the
N. Y. C. & St. L. railway, both of Se-
attle, are paying a visit to Victoria to-
day.

What this province is suffering
from is government by an
autocracy. Mr. Brewster and his
colleagues will see that the pub-
lic interest is safeguarded in the
legislature. If the electors value
representative institutions they
will support the opposition candi-
date to-morrow.

TIDE TABLE.

March										
Date	Time	High	Time	Low	Time	High	Time	Low	Time	
	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	
1	4:06	8.9	6:55	7.8	11:10	8.7	1:18	17.1	4:06	8.9
2	3:54	8.3	7:29	7.0	12:24	8.4	2:02	17.1	3:54	8.3
3	3:24	7.7	8:04	6.7	1:32	8.1	2:42	17.1	3:24	7.7
4	3:05	7.8	8:33	6.3	1:47	7.7	3:25	17.1	3:05	7.8
5	3:38	7.9	9:04	5.8	1:59	7.3	4:08	17.1	3:38	7.9
6	4:18	8.2	9:38	5.4	2:08	6.9	4:50	17.1	4:18	8.2
7	4:57	8.1	10:15	5.0	2:15	6.5	5:31	17.1	4:57	8.1
8	5:35	8.3	10:45	4.6	2:20	6.1	6:11	17.1	5:35	8.3
9	6:11	8.5	11:12	4.2	2:23	5.7	6:50	17.1	6:11	8.5
10	6:45	8.7	11:36	3.8	2:25	5.3	7:28	17.1	6:45	8.7
11	7:17	8.9	11:57	3.4	2:26	4.9	8:05	17.1	7:17	8.9
12	7:47	9.1	12:15	3.0	2:26	4.5	8:41	17.1	7:47	9.1
13	8:15	9.3	12:30	2.6	2:25	4.1	9:15	17.1	8:15	9.3
14	8:41	9.5	12:42	2.2	2:23	3.7	9:47	17.1	8:41	9.5
15	9:05	9.7	12:51	1.8	2:20	3.3	10:17	17.1	9:05	9.7
16	9:27	9.9	12:57	1.4	2:16	2.9	10:45	17.1	9:27	9.9
17	9:47	10.1	1:00	1.0	2:11	2.5	11:11	17.1	9:47	10.1
18	10:05	10.3	1:04	0.6	2:05	2.1	11:35	17.1	10:05	10.3
19	10:21	10.5	1:07	0.2	1:59	1.7	11:57	17.1	10:21	10.5
20	10:35	10.7	1:09	0.0	1:52	1.3	12:17	17.1	10:35	10.7
21	10:47	10.9	1:10	0.0	1:44	0.9	12:35	17.1	10:47	10.9
22	10:57	11.1	1:10	0.0	1:35	0.5	12:51	17.1	10:57	11.1
23	11:05	11.3	1:09	0.0	1:25	0.1	1:05	17.1	11:05	11.3
24	11:11	11.5	1:07	0.0	1:14	0.0	1:19	17.1	11:11	11.5
25	11:15	11.7	1:04	0.0	1:02	0.0	1:31	17.1	11:15	11.7
26	11:17	11.9	1:00	0.0	0:50	0.0	1:41	17.1	11:17	11.9
27	11:17	12.1	12:55	0.0	0:37	0.0	1:49	17.1	11:17	12.1
28	11:15	12.3	12:48	0.0	0:23	0.0	1:54	17.1	11:15	12.3
29	11:11	12.5	12:38	0.0	0:09	0.0	1:57	17.1	11:11	12.5
30	11:05	12.7	12:25	0.0	0:00	0.0	1:59	17.1	11:05	12.7
31	10:57	12.9	12:09	0.0	0:00	0.0	1:59	17.1	10:57	12.9

Str. Jeanette, from San Francisco for
Adelaide.
Antofagasta, March 1.—Sailed: Str.
Santa Cruz, for San Francisco.

NAVAL ATTACHE IS ON WAY TO LONDON

Rear-Admiral Kajishiro Funa-
koshi Arrives on Liner Skid-
zuoka Maru

Rear-Admiral Kajishiro Funa-
koshi, a distinguished officer of the Japanese
navy, was a passenger on the Nippon
Yusen Kaisha liner Shidzuoka Maru,
which arrived from Yokohama this
morning.

Rear-Admiral Funa-koshi is on his
way to London, where he has been ap-
pointed naval attache to the Japanese
embassy, relieving one of his brother
officers.

Being attached to the diplomatic
service he was not in a position to
discuss any matters connected with
his mission, but he evinced great in-
terest in the progress of the war, par-
ticularly with regard to naval affairs,
and as to what action had followed
Germany's recent declaration on the
question of submarine warfare.

Speaking on general matters, Rear-
Admiral Funa-koshi said there was re-
markable activity in all the shipyards
in Japan. There was, he said, a grow-
ing demand for tonnage for commer-
cial purposes, and as many orders had
been placed the various shipbuilding
plants throughout the empire were all
fully occupied turning out vessels to
meet the present requirements.

Rear-Admiral Funa-koshi was for
some time on the first-class cruiser
Idzumi, which is well known on the
Pacific coast. During the Japanese-
Russian war he was on the general
staff. He regretted that circumstances
prevented him meeting Rear-Admiral
Ide and officers of the Tokiwa and
Chitose.

BRITISH ADVANTAGES ON THE SUEZ CANAL.

Undoubtedly the Germans and Turks,
or rather the Turks under German
direction, are going to launch a really
serious attack upon Egypt, an attack
planned with great care and supported
by desert railways, an attack which
is very likely to be launched not
merely on the El-Arish route, which
was that attempted last year, but also
through the Sinalitic Peninsula.

This attack will, of course, be based
on the Hedjaz railway. Though we
see all the anxieties and dangers of
such an attack, and fully understand
the risks, we believe that that in-
vasion is on the whole not to be dread-
ed, but indeed should be welcomed as
likely to bring ruin on the planners.

If we have made, as we assume we
have made, full preparations along the
line of the Suez canal, we ask for
nothing better than that the Germans
and Turks should knock their heads
against our lines and engage in a new
kind of trench warfare in which they
will have their backs to a waterless
desert, with, at the very most, two
lines of attenuated desert railway and
no lateral communication, not even a
road, while we shall have Egypt behind
us and all its supplies, including water.
What is the best of all we shall have
the internal communications, first, of
the Suez canal with its flotillas of
gunboats—i.e., floating batteries of
heavy artillery, which can be moved

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Tacoma, March 2.—Arrived: Str.
Henrietta, from British Columbia
ports; bge. St. David, from Seattle,
in tow of tug Arctic; str. Asama Maru
and Awa Maru, from Seattle; str. Gov-
ernor, from Vancouver, B. C. Sailed:
str. Tiverton, for Everett; str. Hyades,
for Seattle; str. Governor, for Seattle.
Mukilteo, March 2.—Sailed: Str. Ba-
ja California, for the West coast, via
Tacoma.

San Francisco, March 2.—Arrived:
Str. Grace Dollar, from Tacoma; str.
J. A. Bennett, towing bge. No. 32, from
Balboa; str. Great Northern, from
Honolulu; str. San Pedro, from Grays
Harbor; str. C. A. Thayer, from New-
castle, Aus. Sailed: Str. Asuncion,
for Portland; str. Mills, for Astoria;
str. Frank H. Buck, for Seattle. The
T. K. K. liner Chiyu Maru sailed for the
Orient this afternoon with a full
cargo of freight, in which cotton was
a large item. She has 140 passengers.
The turbine Great Northern came in
this morning from Honolulu with 417
passengers.

Astoria, Ore., March 2.—Arrived:
Tank str. W. F. Herrin and Argyle,
from California. Sailed: Str. Washt-
now, for California; str. Roanoke, for
San Francisco.

San Pedro, March 2.—The str. Hon-
olulan arrived here to-night on her last
trip from New York in the service of
the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.
She will be turned over to H. F. Os-
trander, of Seattle, for the round trips
to Vladivostok at the record-breaking
charter rate of \$100,000 per month.
Steam schooners arriving to-day were
the Shasta, from Portland; Neelium,
from Eureka, and the J. B. Stetson,
from Grays harbor. The Stetson pro-
ceeded to Redondo Beach and the A.
M. Simpson sailed in ballast for Coos
Bay. The str. President arrived to-day
from San Diego and proceeded to San
Francisco and Puget Sound.

Seattle, March 2.—Arrived: Str. Spo-
kane, Southeastern Alaska; str.
Hyades, Tacoma; str. Governor, Van-
couver, B. C.; str. Clansman, Nanaimo,
B. C.; tug Red Fly, towing scow V. T.
B. No. 1, Mayne Island, B. C. Sailed:
str. Northland, Southeastern Alaska,
via Point Wells; str. Saginaw, Eagle
harbor; str. Asama Maru, Tacoma; str.
Awa Maru, Tacoma; U. S. L. H. T.
Kukui, Ketchikan; bge. St. David, Tac-
oma, in tow of tug Arctic; tug Red
Fly, towing scows V. T. B. No. 1, and
V. T. B. No. 1, Mayne Island, B. C.

Port Pirie, Feb. 25.—Arrived: Schr.
Alex. T. Brown, from Tacoma, thence
November 18.

Callao, March 2.—Arrived: Schr.
Camano, from Port Gamble, thence
November 18; schr. Honolulu, from
Mukilteo, thence November 22, via
Clallam bay, thence November 27, after
putting back for shelter.

Pernambuco, Feb. 23.—Arrived:
Barque Svithold, from Seattle, thence
November 22, via Clallam bay Novem-
ber 27, for the United Kingdom.

Hongkong, Feb. 29.—Arrived: Str.
Tamba Maru, from Seattle.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 2.—Arrived:



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to guard a line of a hundred miles with
only a quarter of a million troops
against half a million Turks and Ger-
mans, our answer is—"Look at the
map." The Germans cannot attack
across lakes or inundated ground. This
means that, of the Suez canal, Nature
and Art have denied to the assailants
nearly half, and that there is only a
front of about sixty miles where the
canal borders good hard sand, and so
where an attack can be made under
favorable conditions.—London Spectator.

MAKING LONG TRIP.

In the face of the smart passage
just completed by the schooner Irene,
Captain Mitchell, between Adelaide
and Tacoma, shipping men are begin-
ning to express some anxiety for the
safety of the schooner Watson A.
West, on the way to Tacoma from the
same port. The latter schooner is out
107 days from Adelaide, while the
Irene made the passage from that port
to Puget Sound in 65 days, including
a stop at Pitcairn Island. The voyage
of the West is unusually slow. Cap-
tain Mitchell says the West arrived at
Tacoma before the Irene was 24
Adelaide, and as the latter was 24
days unloading her lumber cargo and
getting to sea again, the West was 38
days on the homeward trip before the
Irene started for the Sound.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

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	11.50	11.52	11.50

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4 ft. 6 in.	\$20.00	13.75	4 ft. 6 in.	\$27.50	17.50
			4 ft. 6 in.	\$31.50	19.75

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NORTH WARD VOTERS HEAR JOHN OLIVER

Large Attendance in the
School; Liberal Policy
Solves All Problems

A large number of electors of Wards II and III, gathered in the North Ward school last evening, when John Oliver and other Liberal speakers addressed them on the issues of the hour. Fred Burridge was in the chair and on the platform were John Oliver, Patrick Donnelly, one of the Liberal candidates in Vancouver and campaign manager for M. A. Macdonald, J. W. Connell and Dr. Lewis Halk. All these spoke and were given close attention. There was no doubt as to how the sympathies of the audience lay.

Dr. Lewis Halk devoted the greater part of his speech to educational matters, and outlined the policy of the Liberal government in this regard. No one grudged the amount spent on the school, he said, if it was wisely spent. The whole educational system to-day was wrong in many regards. For one thing it failed to give attention to the practical side of life. Technical and agricultural education was greatly needed, and it was the intention of the Liberal party to put these branches into effect. In education, as in many other matters, a sound foundation was required and this could never be secured until the system was changed, and a change was out of the question until there had been a change of government. The school curriculum in British Columbia was too extensive, and children had far too much homework to do. There was just one way to accomplish the change that was needed, and this was to replace the present government by a real democratic government, and the time to start was now. Having elected Mr. Macdonald on Saturday in Vancouver the wedge should be driven in further by the election of the leader of the opposition, H. C. Brewster, on Saturday.

J. W. Connell, formerly of the legislatures of Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories, delivered an appeal to his fellow-Conservatives. The first thing that struck a man coming from the prairies, he said, was that agricultural lands were tied up, that timber exports had fallen off, that employers had no inducement to take up land and that the poultry farmer and fruit grower received no encouragement.

Mr. Connell went on to deal with the graft revelations, the land speculations, the Songhees and Kitsilano reserves, the commissions, Price-Edison cow frauds and Dr. Young's stock gifts. Many things were coming to light by accident, he said, but the people were entitled to this information as a right and not by way of accident. Mr. Flumerfelt refused to take any responsibility for what took place before December 15, and the morning paper wanted the people to approach the past with the respect due to a corpse. (Laughter.)

Mr. Donnelly, as campaign manager for M. A. Macdonald in the recent successful election contest, thanked the people of Victoria for their gracious appreciation of the work done on behalf of the successful candidate. Dealing with the Dominion Trust company, Mr. Donnelly replied to Mr. Brewster's allegation in Vancouver that one of the first companies to take advantage of the power, given to trust companies to accept deposits was that of which he is head. This was one of the dangerous half-truths, he said, which were more dangerous than a lie. The Trust Companies Act, he said, was a good one, but had Mr. Brewster accepted the advice he or any responsible company manager gave, the failure would not have happened. Mr. Brewster's reference to his company was a deliberate attempt to place a respectable and responsible concern in the same position as a defunct and dishonest one. Mr. Oliver went into finances, the land question, the loans which had been effected by the government, the obli-

gations the province is under to railway companies, Mr. Brewster's position as solicitor for corporations dealing with the government while at the same time solicitor for the people, Mr. Flumerfelt's position as a director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the bankers for the Canadian Northern and other matters.

In lieu of the premier's motto of "courage and caution" Mr. Oliver offered the people "economy and production" as much more suitable to the needs of the province. He outlined several ways in which matters could be remedied, and pointed out that there was no problems but could be solved by human intelligence. The meeting closed with the national anthem.



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A PROTEST.

To the Editor:—I wish to protest through your columns against the paraphrase of the Scriptures made use of in one of the leading articles in the Colonist this morning.

If it is intended as a joke, it is in the worst possible taste; if it is taken seriously, it is blasphemous.

PROTESTANT.

Victoria, B. C., March 2, 1916.

A VOICE FROM THE INTERIOR.

To the Editor:—Judging by the result of the by-elections on Saturday, it would seem that the people had at last determined to stay the wild orgies of political Prussianism which have been going on in this province for the last number of years. I hope that the people of Victoria will regard the result in Vancouver as the portal of their deliverance, and keep the good work up by voting for Mr. Brewster against all other combinations.

The glimmerings of the dawn of a better day are upon the horizon for the people of British Columbia, if they will only be true to their own interests and vote as their consciences direct them.

P. MCGREGOR.

Kaslo, Feb. 28.

ONLY WHITE LABOR.

To the Editor:—I observe an announcement in the Colonist of this morning stating that after the Canadian Puget Sound company have been adequately assisted in their proposed shipbuilding undertakings, it is the intention of the Cameron Lumber company to take up the work where they leave off. So many keels are to be laid by each of these concerns. As a resident of Victoria and one who is compelled to contribute his share to the upkeep of government, I protest against the diversion of any public money whether by guarantee of bonds, by bonus, loan, or otherwise, to any concerns employing Chinese labor. If it is the intention, as has been announced, to assist the Cameron Lumber company under the terms of the Shipbuilding Act, the government should, at least, insist and make it an absolute condition that only white labor be employed anywhere upon any premises of any company receiving the benefit of government assistance.

March 2.

EMPLOYMENT OF ORIENTALS.

To the Editor:—I wish to inform the 2,000 men of Victoria who signed the petition for the exclusion of the Asiatics that the only persons I had difficulty with were the leading Conservatives. I might state that Messrs. Flumerfelt, Matson, Lugin, Brewster and McPhillips absolutely ignored me when I asked them to sign. We all know the reason—because they all employ them, and even allow hundreds to be employed in the mines against the laws of the province. Parker Williams was right when he stated that the firms Mr. Flumerfelt is connected with were veritable Balkan states, like the Mackenzie & Mann railroad being built on this island. Every nationality was employed except the British Canadian. Let us hope if they pass the shipbuilding programme the government will insert a clause in the measure that no Chinaman shall be employed in the production of lumber for ships, for if Chinamen are to be allowed to work at 80 cents per day I fail to see how the white men of this city will benefit much by this policy.

F. SMITH.

Late Secretary of Asiatic Exclusion League.

March 2.

BOWSER'S ADVICE TO WORKINGMEN.

To the Editor:—I was pleased to read of your and Parker Williams' exposure of Fred Webb and John Day. Here are two men calling themselves the champions of labor and at the same time supporting the Bowser government. The enemy of labor, who have all through their administration done all they could to oppress the working class of this province. The former admitted to me when employed at parliament building that he knew the government were the enemy of labor. But he was there for the job. They run with the hare and hunt with the hounds. Let them remember how the union men were crushed at Nanaimo. I see John Day made a childish attack at Mr. Flumerfelt's meeting on Parker Williams, stating he had not done anything for labor for 12 years. He had been in office. How was it possible with a one-man government with 40 rubber stamps to accomplish anything for labor? One thing, he criticized them pretty strongly at times. In conclusion let the un-

employed remember Bowser's advice to pack his blankets and beat the track, and vote for Brewster and make Bowser pack his blankets, and get out of our house across the bay.

March 2, 1916.

WHY?

To all loyal Victorians:—How can any sensible person place any confidence in Mr. Bowser's catch-words propositions as to building ships in Victoria, the construction of the Johnson Street bridge, etc., when he refrains from giving the city of Victoria the power to build and maintain salt water baths? Vancouver has this power; why shouldn't Victoria have it? The giving of this right to Victoria wouldn't cost the government one cent.

We may rest assured that there is a stout haul-back line to his latest political bait or he wouldn't be dangling it so recklessly across our line of vision.

Many Victorians who have closely followed Mr. Bowser's career maintain that he has formed an unshakable habit of discriminating against this city. His attitude on the University and Normal School questions justified this assumption. But as he has repeatedly refused to give Victoria the same power that Vancouver has, is it not proof positive that he intends doing nothing for Victoria?

Are we Victorians going to be kept down by having our rights curtailed, or are we going to fight for recognition? It's up to us.

FRANK HIGGINS.

March 3.

SHIPBUILDING BLUFF.

To the Editor:—For two years there has been a lack of tonnage, and for two years the workers of Victoria have asked in vain to be given work. A week before election a shipbuilding scheme is dangled before us—and what a scheme! It is an insult to the humiliated amongst us. A bankrupt company, foreign owned, and employing hundreds of Asiatics is to be given access to the public treasury. One can imagine how the almost too good to be true news was received in New York. We can imagine the champagne flowing, and the directors exhorting: "For he's a jolly good fellow." We can imagine the rush already of the incompetents on the patronage list, all clamoring for an inspectorship at \$200 a month. A score of patronage inspectors, a few (very few) honest mechanics, hordes of Asiatics, and a fellow patiently waiting to coal her up at 50 cents a ton. A pretty picture truly, but it doesn't appeal to the workers.

It is to be hoped that the Colonist will print a report of Mr. Flumerfelt's address to the workers at Yarrow's yesterday noon. It was a miserable fiasco. He quite spoilt the effect by saying that he "really didn't want the job, but Bowser forced him to." This also was forced and forced on. The people are demanding more honest government, and know that Mr. Brewster can get it for them.

MOWBRAY.

March 2.

NO GRATITUDE.

To the Editor:—As a prohibitionist, first, last and always, I say to the government, "Thank you for nothing." You waited until Vancouver and Rossland had spoken, and then trembling with dismay and terror you say: "We will agree pretty nearly to all your wishes. Only please note that we want to save our face; therefore we will prepare the prohibition bill ourselves and you shall criticize and amend it, if it does not suit." Many thanks, but your repentance comes too late. When a man is going to the scaffold he is likely to promise anything.

Mr. Flumerfelt is a decent citizen, and a kindly man, but I never knew him say one word or strike one blow in favor of prohibition or its allied reform. Now, when votes are wanted and the government is frantic with fear, then he joins hands with Bowser and says to a credulous public, "Vote straight and you shall have everything under the sun." No doubt the province will give an excuse to some few wavering friends of the government to return to the fold. Weak-kneed doppers and wobblers are very little use to any cause, but for my part I would rather rely upon the promise of Brewster, who in fair weather or foul has stood for restrictive legislation in social life, and now advocates a fundamental reform which will enable future generations to submit any measure without the consent of any government, than I would for a man who is eager for parliamentary honors and cabinet distinction, without having served his apprenticeship in public service to his fellow-citizens.

So I say to Mr. Flumerfelt, get out and serve in the ranks. Fight for some good cause, social, political, humanitarian, and then maybe I will believe in your conversion to prohibition. Just now I feel that I am too old a bird to be caught with a little chaff.

ORANGE LODGE.

March 2.

DECEIVING THE PEOPLE.

To the Editor:—Last Saturday evening the Hon. Thomas Taylor stood before a public meeting and deliberately, brazenly told the audience that the debt of this province was only about \$15,000,000. I noticed in these statements he was prominent by Mr. Flumerfelt. What is the use of guilting the public? Why don't they come forward like men and state that their liabilities are over \$100,000,000? They have bamboozled the people so often that really it is heartrending to see even a few people applaud such misstatements. What a spectacle to see a minister of the crown calmly endeavoring to mislead the people. What a horrible lesson for young men and daughters. The people want to know the facts and nothing but the facts. If Mr. Taylor is the type of the ministers we have, can anyone wonder at the deplorable conditions of the country and its finances? Mr. Taylor cannot be termed even a rubber stamp, and a weaker personality cannot be conceived. This is the type of man Bowser wants around him, men as easy and soft as

Why is not Mr. Flumerfelt alongside Sir Charles Tupper and many other patriotic Conservatives who are helping the cause espoused by Mr. Brewster and Mr. Macdonald? Why did he associate himself with a government whose unclear record is common knowledge? Is Mr. Flumerfelt a better Conservative than Sir Charles Tupper?

UNIONIST.

putty. Bowser badly needs a heavy hand laid on his collar, and there are many men in this province to-day who would dearly like the power to do so. Bowserism has ruined the country and has turned all honest men of both parties to unite and throw out the "kaiser over the bay." I fancy Mr. Bowser will bid adieu to the house this session. No one knows better than himself that the people are bent on ousting him in spite of all his shipbuilding yawns, etc. The people will not be gulled this time. Look out for the Colonist's front page this week end, the usual bunkum slogan about re-fineries, etc., will appear. How laughable. Bowser is certainly desperate, but people cannot be gulled and fooled always.

P. S.—I notice Mr. H. B. Thomson made a similar attempt to mislead the people last Tuesday evening, but he is excusable. He is only a rubber stamp. By the way, why don't Mr. Fraser deny the charges made against him in the excavations of the new wing at the parliament buildings?

RUSTICUS.

March 2.

FROM A CONVERT.

To the Editor:—By far the best political editorial published in Victoria regarding the present by-election appeared in the columns of the Times-Morning Star, February 28. It was headed "A Novel Proposal." You say: "Mr. Flumerfelt's character and conduct as a private citizen do not constitute an issue in this campaign," in which statement you should have the backing of every voter. However, he may be permitted to retain his "private citizenship," of which he appears to be so proud, and "fired" jealous, after the ballots are counted.

Then you round the matter out by assuring the minister of finance that the public is not perishing to learn about Mr. Flumerfelt, but it is anxious to hear both candidates discuss the important problems of the country.

As I am a Conservative by heritage, my father before me having followed that line of action, I attended, up to Monday night, only Conservative meetings.

That evening, however, I thought I'd take a peep at the victor from Vancouver, and the Liberal candidate, Mr. Brewster. I found a vacant high high in the "gods" of our ancient play-house, and though I went really to scoff, I left deeply impressed.

I learned that the "lean to" on the parliament buildings cost more to erect than the main structure.

I learned that Mr. Flumerfelt was a director in the same banking institution that has given enormous credit to McKenzie & Mann. Question: Would he consider if it came to a "show down," the bank or the province?

I learned that the cream of our agricultural land was held by speculators, who had neither paid for it or the taxes thereon, and whose only intentions in an agricultural way was to eventually "rip in" the shooks on future naturally increased land values.

I learned that Mr. Brewster was an exceedingly good speaker, clear, concise and to the point, notwithstanding what I have heard from some sources to the contrary.

I learned that the new member from Vancouver is unquestionably capable of holding his own with any Conservative I've yet heard, and then some.

And as a final summary of my observations, I concluded that I had heard more of a fair fight, than I had gained more of a fair fight.

Be sure to leave other men their turns to speak—Bacon.

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Dear Mr. Editor:—I suffered for years with backache, kidney trouble, and rheumatism, and have used this new medicine recently discovered by Dr. Pierce, and it was wonderful the way it eased the pain and gave me relief in such a short time. I have tried several medicines, but "Anuric" is the only one that gave satisfaction. I feel it my duty to recommend "Anuric Tablets" to any one who suffers as I did.

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TO COMMEMORATE THE BARD OF AVON

Shakespeare Tercentenary to Be Celebrated in Victoria as at Stratford-on-Avon

The following letter has been addressed to the press setting forth the proposals for the celebration of the approaching tercentenary of Shakespeare's death:

Sir,—It will be remembered that in July, 1914, at a noteworthy meeting, presided over by Lord Bryce, it was resolved "that the tercentenary of the death of Shakespeare should be commemorated in a manner worthy of the veneration in which the memory of Shakespeare is held by the world at large." The resolution was submitted by the American ambassador, and was supported by Mr. Balfour, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Spanish ambassador, Sir George Reid, Sir George Perley, and representatives of literature and dramatic art. An executive committee was appointed at the meeting to promote, in accordance with the resolution, a world-wide celebration. Then came the war, and all these matters were necessarily left in abeyance in face of sterner duties; but lately the call has come to us from many quarters at home and abroad that not even in present conditions should the tercentenary pass unobserved. The executive committee have convinced themselves that they are rightly interpreting their duties in arranging for the observance of the occasion in a simple and dignified manner, consonant with the mood of the nation and its proud consciousness of what England and the world owe to Shakespeare and to the exalted spirit of his teaching.

We have the honor to state that the main outlines of the proposals have been submitted to his majesty the king, and have met with his gracious approval; and, further, that their majesties the king and queen have most graciously signified their pleasure in becoming the patrons of the tercentenary committee. The prime minister, according to the committee's invitation, has accepted the office of honorary president of the general committee. As Easter Sunday this year falls on Sunday, April 23, it has been decided to inaugurate the observance of the tercentenary on Sunday, April 30, as Shakespeare Sunday. The dean and chapter of Westminster Abbey have arranged that a special commemoration of Shakespeare shall be observed in the abbey on this day, and special sermons will be preached in the afternoon and evening. It is hoped that similarly the day may be observed in all places of worship throughout the empire, and the English-speaking world, and the committee invite the religious leaders of all denominations to join with the abbey in paying this fitting tribute to Shakespeare's memory on the tercentenary of his death.

On the afternoon of Monday, May 1, a meeting will be held at the Mansion House, at which it is hoped the prime minister will attend and speak.

In honor of the tercentenary the actors (through a committee of members of the profession, presided over by Sir George Alexander), have made themselves responsible for a special performance of one of Shakespeare's plays. The performance, which will be on Tuesday, May 2, will be under the royal patronage. The actors' committee have generously offered to devote any profits to the Red Cross fund.

Wednesday, May 3, corresponding in new style to April 23, old style, will in the present year be observed as "Shakespeare Day," and it is agreed that the day customarily kept then by bringing to the minds of the children of the empire the lessons of patriotism to be derived from Shakespeare, and by endeavoring to make them understand the significance of the universal homage paid to England's greatest man.

Accordingly, it is proposed that schools and training colleges throughout the country should make some simple arrangements for enabling the young people to take part in the commemoration. The committee have appointed a sub-committee, chosen largely from outside their number, of persons specially qualified to advise them on this matter, and they are communicating to the educational journals some suggestions which may be of use to school authorities in deciding upon the form that the commemoration should take in each case. It is hoped that, with the assistance of these journals, the expenses of direct communication with the very numerous school authorities will be saved, while schemes for filling up in detail the outlines suggested by the committee may be elicited.

Learned societies, universities and colleges will wish to hold special meetings in observance of the tercentenary; and it is suggested that May 2, "Shakespeare Day," and the next day may be the most appropriate dates for these functions.

The annual Shakespeare lecture, founded in the British academy, will

be delivered on May 3 by Dr. J. W. Mackail, fellow of the academy, formerly professor of poetry in the university of Oxford.

Stratford-on-Avon—the birthplace and the shrine of Shakespeare—will be visited on Friday, May 5, when a special performance, under the royal patronage, will be given at the Memorial theatre.

We cannot hope to welcome friends from afar; but we know we shall have them with us in spirit, united with us in devotion to the poet. In order to mark the occasion and hand down to posterity a worthy record of the widespread reverence for Shakespeare as shared by our allies and neutral states, the honorary secretary of the committee, with the approval of the executive, and encouraged by the cordial response of eminent men of letters, has in preparation a "Book of Homage to Shakespeare," in honor of the tercentenary, to contain contributions in prose and verse from leading writers at home and abroad.

Communications may be addressed to the honorary secretary, King's College, Strand, London.

Plymouth (chairman of the executive),
C. C. Wakefield (lord mayor, treasurer),
J. Gallanck (honorary secretary).

WAR IS OPENING A GATEWAY TO ORIENT

Samuel Hill, the Well-Known American Roadbuilder, Tells of Commercial Opportunities

"The war is opening a gateway to the Orient, which can never be shut." In these words Samuel Hill, roadbuilder and philanthropist, spoke to the Times last evening of the manner in which the North Pacific coast is seeking avenues for development. Mr. Hill, who has many friends here, was an invited guest at the opening of the legislature yesterday.

"Since I was last in Victoria," said Mr. Hill, "I have been travelling the Pacific highway from the Mexican border to Seattle, and I find that the weather conditions have done much damage to roads in California. I was at San Diego at the collapse of the Otay dam. The roads further north are in better shape."

"The war situation has been undoubtedly better during the last few months," he said. "As you may know, I have some sources of special information of which I cannot give details, dealing with the position of the allies in Belgium and Northern France. The three factors of modern warfare are men, food and money, and the pressure on Germany is beginning to tell. The depreciation of the mark, the payment in gold, demanded by neutral countries, and the economical pressure show how circumstances are forcing Germany to peace." Mr. Hill then ventured the opinion that the war would not see another winter.

Mr. Hill alluded to the great prosperity of the eastern and central part of the United States, and added that while the boundary line of prosperity appeared to be drawn for some reason at Butte, Montana, there was a wonderful development in the North Pacific coast towns, more so than their residents were willing to admit. Seattle had become the third port in the United States, largely due to the export of munitions and equipment to the Orient. He believed that war trade would in peace times be replaced with the transport of other commodities which ought to be used abroad. "That is my reason," he said, "for saying the war opens a gateway to the Orient from these ports."

"The recognition of your trade with Siberia has been shown in the appointment of a resident consul, and as a matter of fact there is no question that the Russian government appreciates the opportunity for developing trade with Siberia from the North Pacific ports."

Asked for an opinion with regard to the growing control of trans-Pacific trade by the Japanese, particularly in regard to passenger service on the North Pacific, Mr. Hill blamed the legislation which becomes operative to-morrow regulating employment of American seamen. He claimed that it will work most prejudicially to the best interests of the mercantile marine, and tend to drive the American flag from the ocean-going liners.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Observatory.

From March 29th to March 31st.

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 42 hours and 42 minutes; rain, 17.1 inch; highest temperature, 59 on 26th; lowest, 33 on 29th.

Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 36 hours and 54 minutes; rain, 19.8 inch; snow, 2.75 inches; highest temperature, 56 on 26th; lowest, 30 on 24th.

Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 36 hours and 42 minutes; no rain; highest temperature, 59 on 26th; lowest, 23 on 24th.

Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 46 hours and 42 minutes; rain, 29 inch; highest temperature, 60 on 26th; lowest, 31 on 27th.

New Westminster—Snow, 3.75 inches; highest temperature, 59 on 26th; lowest, 23 on 24th.

Penticton—Snow, 1.25 inch; highest temperature, 43 on 26th; lowest, 21 on 27th.

Nelson—Snow, 1.00 inch; highest temperature, 45 on 26th; lowest, 13 on 27th and 28th.

Cranbrook—Snow, 3.00 inches; highest temperature, 40 on 26th; lowest, 8 on 25th.

Barkerville—Snow, 2.00 inches; highest temperature, 38 on 26th and 27th; lowest, zero on 25th.

Fort George—Highest temperature, 52 on 24th; lowest, 17 on 26th.

Prince Rupert—Rain, .70 inch; highest temperature, 59 on 26th; lowest, 26 on 26th.

Atlin—Snow, 1.25 inch; highest temperature, 40 on 26th and 27th; lowest, 8 on 25th.

Dawson—Snow, 2.50 inches; highest temperature, 22 on 26th and 27th; lowest, below zero on 24th.

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MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Observatory, February, 1916.

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 38 hours and 48 minutes; rain, 2.59 inches, 1.75 inch below average; snow, 6.40 inches, 4.41 above average; mean temperature, 49° (average); highest temperature, 59 on 26th; lowest, 21 on 1st; total recorded wind mileage, 7,921; highest hourly wind velocity, 41 s. W. on 28th.

Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 35 hours; precipitation, 7.40 inches; highest temperature, 56; lowest, 21.

Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 37 hours and 30 minutes; rain, 2.50 inches; snow, 24.5 inches; highest temperature, 59 on 26th; lowest, 21 on 1st.

Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 33 hours and 36 minutes; precipitation, 1.50 inch; highest temperature, 50; lowest, 20 below zero.

Barkerville—Snow, 11.00 inches; highest temperature, 45; lowest, 29 below zero.

Prince Rupert—Precipitation, 6.90 inches; highest temperature, 60 on 18th; lowest, 14 on 1st.

Atlin—Rain, .60 inch; snow, 6.10 inches; highest temperature, 46 on 19th; lowest, 23 below zero on 1st and 2nd.

Dawson—Snow, 9.50 inches; highest temperature, 32 on 30th; lowest, 50 below zero on 11th.

Penticton—Rain, .30 inch; snow, 15.50 inches; highest temperature, 43 on 16th and 18th; lowest, 9 below zero on 23d.

Nelson—Rain, .25 inch; snow, 27 inches; highest temperature, 45 on 17th, 18th and 26th; lowest, 4 below zero on 1st.

Cranbrook—Snow, 12 inches; highest temperature, 45 on 15th, 16th and 17th; lowest, 30 below zero on 1st.

Fort George—Highest temperature, 53 on 16th; lowest, 28 below zero on 1st and 7th.

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